

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – June 25, 2020

Members: John Nowaczyk, Chair, John Beatty, Ryan Lichtenwald, Brad Sippel, Mark Thuot, Tom Mullaly,
Dennis Helke, David Aspensen
Staff: Andrew Lynch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by LYNCH at 5:34pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23 MEETING

Motion/second by THUOT/MULLALY to approve the meeting minutes from the April 23 meeting.
Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAUSAU MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN 2015 MASTER PLAN UPDATE: CHANGES TO INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Changes to the staff recommendations (numbers corresponding to table in packet) are as follows:

#31: change to sharrows on Sherman but add bike lanes near the 17th Ave intersection.

#46: add trail facility between Stewart and Hwy 52 to extend existing trail.

#78: if width allows add buffered bike lane.

#113: upon further review by staff on this item the original recommendation should remain.

#42: Committee recommended a trail facility to fit within the existing right of way.

#83: approve staff recommendation and add need for additional pedestrian crossings along whole length of Grand Ave.

#87: Staff recommendation approved

#91: Staff recommendation approved

#3: Staff recommendation approved

Motion/second by THUOT/SIPPEL to approve the changes to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.
Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

5. TIMELINE OF MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Due to missed meetings and additional work because of the current pandemic the timeline of the plan was pushed back. July meeting would discuss new projects or items to add, August or September would be likely for a draft being available.

6. NEW INFRASTRUCTURE CELEBRATION RIDES

Town of Rib Mountain is planning on a September celebration ride for the opening of the Trillium Trail. They have asked for input on whom to invite and any other programming for the event. LYNCH mentioned the need to do a ride on infrastructure finished at the end of 2019, namely 1st Ave and Thomas St in Wausau. Kronenwetter will also have a new trail opening this year and will likely have an event planned. All events will follow appropriate guidelines on distancing and group size.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Wausau Wheelers: Board voted to begin group rides under restrictions. Groups no larger than 10 with correct distancing. Pie Ride and other events are being rethought for new restrictions.

Town of Rib Mountain: Planning for celebration ride in September, monitoring construction of Trillium Trail.

City of Schofield: Trail project with V of Rothschild has been delayed one year to 2022 due to property acquisition and DOT budgeting.

Village of Maine: Brokaw roads are still torn up with infrastructure upgrades. County Road WW has also sustained damage due to the truck traffic during construction.

City of Wausau: Bike share vendor, Zagster, has filed for bankruptcy. City is examining other vendors that can easily take over the hardware. Bikes are currently inoperable. Consultant was hired to prepare plans for north extension of River's Edge trail from Winton St to Gilbert Park. Also a bike boulevard treatment for Prospect St proposal.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – JULY 23, 2020

10. ADJOURN

Motion/second by BEATTY/SIPPEL to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Submitted by:
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