

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – July 23, 2020

Members: Hooshang Zeyghami, Vice-Chair, Tom Mullaly, Ryan Lichtenwald, Brad Sippel, Dennis Helke
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 JUNE 25, 2020 MEETING

Motion/second by SIPPEL/HELKE to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25 meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

LYNCH did not have the list of proposed infrastructure ready for the committee. Instead the discussion turned to what kind of criteria should be considered when evaluating projects. Suggested criteria are as follows: connectivity, appropriate level of infrastructure, consider volume of users, identified in local plan, part of a backbone or feeder network, level of traffic stress. These items may be considered at the next meeting with the list of proposed projects.

5. BIKE/PED CHANGES IN PROPOSED FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL

Provided in the packet is a summary of the proposed federal transportation and infrastructure bill that passed in the US House. LYNCH made the point that while this is not the final transportation bill it is a good indicator of where the trends may be shifting. The committee will continue to monitor what will become the eventual federal transportation bill for the impact to walking and biking.

6. ARTICLE: I'VE SEEN THE FUTURE WITHOUT CARS....

The included NY Times opinion article on improved walking and biking environments in a major city was provided to inspire committee members and allow for discussion.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Kronenwetter: Work on the Kronenwetter Drive path and bridge continues. Will be completed soon.

Wheelers: rides are now in session. Member survey results were 75% in favor of having rides. Group sizes are limited and masks encouraged for stops.

Wausau: Bike lanes on Scott Street and it seems to have worked well so far. Progress has been positive on a new bikeshare vendor.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

10. ADJOURN

Motion/second by HELKE/SIPPEL to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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