

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – OCTOBER 22, 2020

Members: John Nowaczyk, Chair, John Beatty, Brad Sippel, Ryan Lichtfeld, Tom Mullaly
Staff: Andrew Lynch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson NOWACZYK at 5:33pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF (PREVIOUS MEETING DATE) MEETING

Motion/second by SIPPEL/BEATTY to approve the meeting minutes from the July 23 and September 24 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

The infrastructure and policy additions listed in the packet described by LYNCH. BEATTY voiced support for the loop detectors and other methods to trigger lights where they intersect with bicycle infrastructure. There was discussion regarding the addition of the River's Edge and Mall plans and how they would relate to the transportation focus of the plan. LYNCH noted that the plans would be featured in the update. ACTION: Motion to add suggested infrastructure and policy recommendations. NOWACZYK/BEATTY passed by unanimous voice vote, no dissension.

5. WAUSAU MPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN CHANGES

LYNCH discussed the updated Wausau MPO Public Participation Plan and how it would affect the committee. Of note were the goals to have 80% attendance and representatives from traditionally underserved peoples.

6. RIB MOUNTAIN TRILLIUM TRAIL OPENING

Congratulations offered to the Town of Rib Mountain on completing construction of the Trillium Trail and opening. This was a Transportation Alternative Program project that was ranked and supported by this committee and the MPO as a whole.

7. WINTER BIKING PREPARATION

LYNCH provided a resource for committee members to use regarding winter biking. Committee members also recommended having a helmet with built in lights, studded tires, generator powered lights, and handlebar covers.

8. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Village of Maine: Three members of the Village board and clerk are ill with COVID. MULLALY asks that everyone take caution to avoid this virus.

Rib Mountain: Clarified trail names. County R Trail is now Hummingbird Trail. Also passed ordinances that require all new commercial and apartments to have bike racks.

Wausau: After review, no changes to the e-bike ordinances. They currently reflect state law with the three classes of bikes. Upcoming discussion with Wausau Wheelers and Iron Bull on infrastructure priorities for 2021.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – DECEMBER 10, 2020

11. ADJOURN

Motion/second by MULLALY/BEATTY to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Submitted by:
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