

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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COUNTY OF MARATHON
WAUSAU, WI 54403

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUB-COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

January 28, 2021
5:30 P.M.

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Commission Purpose: *The Commission shall be concerned with studies and recommendations relating to activities including but not limited to land-use; natural resources; utilities; and transportation systems within the metropolitan planning area. (Commission Bylaws last updated: 12-18)*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Wausau MPO encourages Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. To this end, instead of attendance in person, Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by telephone conference. If Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Wausau MPO requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

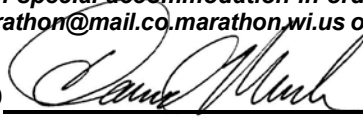
POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2020 MEETING
4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAUSAU MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN 2015 MASTER PLAN UPDATE: DRAFT CHANGES AND FINAL ITEMS FOR REVIEW
5. CWOCC 2021 AND BEYOND UPDATE
6. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
8. NEXT MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 25, 2020
9. ADJOURN

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail info@marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

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PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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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:
David Mack
Program Manager/MPO Director
Marathon County
Conservation, Planning and Zoning/Wausau MPO

Additional changes to the Master Plan

Summary of Existing Plans and Policies (pg 2-6)

Plans below will either replace their earlier version or are standalone documents:

Wausau Metropolitan Area Long-Range Transportation Plan, 2035 (2016)

North Central Wisconsin Regional Bicycle Facilities Network Plan (2017)

River Edge Master Plan Update – 2020 (Wausau)

South Riverfront Area Master Plan – 2020 (Wausau)

Towers Area Master Plan – 2020 (Wausau)

Urban Design & Transportation Master Plan – 2019 (Wausau)

Unlocking Our Potential – 2020 (Wausau Center Mall)

Bikeway Enhancements (pg 3-11)

MPO Communities must consider the installation of devices that will allow a bicycle to trigger a green light while remaining in the travel lane for any intersections that cross the MPO Bike Route system. This was successfully implemented in the City of Wausau at the intersection of Kent St and Grand Avenue.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Wausau Area Metropolitan Planning Organization - Changes for 2020 Update

Project Complete	Project ID	Project Street	From Street	To Street	Facility Recommendation	Road Diet	Lane Diet	Length (miles)	Length (feet)	Stand-Alone Project Cost Estimate	Coordinated Project Cost Estimate	Primary Jurisdiction	Comments
	7	South Mountain Rd	Bittersweet Rd	Town of Rib Mountain	Path			2.3	12246	\$ 386,166	\$ 317,457	T. of Rib Mountain	Extend Path along Cty N corridor to Red Bud as development allows. Connect with trails to Nine Mile and Rib Mountain State Park.
	19	Weston Ave	Alderson St	Birch St	Path			0.5	2709	\$ 56,951	\$ 46,817	V. of Rothschild / V. of Weston	Off-street Path between Volkman and Camp Phillips
	20	Weston Ave	Birch St	Camp Phillips Rd	Path	Yes		0.5	2737	\$ 25,815	\$ 20,639	V. of Weston	Off-street Path between Volkman and Camp Phillips
	21	Weston Ave	Camp Phillips Rd	Zinser St	Path			2.5	13040	\$ 274,136	\$ 225,360	V. of Weston	Path east of Camp Phillips connecting to new developments.
	23	Schofield Ave	Grand Ave	Camp Phillips Rd	Path	Yes		1.6	8636	\$ 81,453	\$ 65,123	V. of Weston	Off-street Path. Median in road may not allow for road diet. Vehicle volume and speeds would not be comfortable to on street infrastructure.
	27	Ross St	Foundry St	Pine St	Path			0.3	1742	\$ 13,824	\$ 11,483	C. of Schofield	Off-street path, likely along south side of Ross. Roadway could be narrowed during reconstruction.
	96	Schofield Ave	Camp Phillips Rd	Ryan St	Path	Yes		1.8	9580	\$ 90,357	\$ 72,242	V. of Weston	Off-street Path. Median in road may not allow for road diet. Traffic and speeds would not be comfortable to on street infrastructure.
	97	Schofield Ave	Grand Ave	Camp Phillips Rd	Path			\$ 2	8636	\$ 81,453	\$ 65,123	V. of Weston	Off-street Path. Median in road may not allow for road diet. Traffic and speeds would not be comfortable to on street infrastructure.
	111	Weston Ave	Volkman St	Wall St	Path			0.6	2978	\$ 31,303	\$ 25,733	V. of Rothschild	Off-street Path between Volkman and Camp Phillips
	112	Weston Ave	Wall St	Alderson St	Path			0.2	1317	\$ 34,595	\$ 33,278	V. of Rothschild	Off-street Path between Volkman and Camp Phillips
	3	County X	County XX	Pleasant Dr	Path			1.4	7241	\$ 295,400	\$ 295,400	Marathon County	Paved Path from County XX to Howland Dr to connect to existing trail in Village of Weston.
	31	Sherman St	1st Ave	17th Ave	Sharrows			0.8	4482	\$ 29,456	\$ 28,334	C. of Wausau	Sharrows
	42	Stettin Dr	Stewart Ave	72nd Ave	Path			2.3	11951	\$ 251,243	\$ 206,540	C. of Wausau / T. of Stettin	Off-Street path between Brockmeyer Park and Stettin Elementary.
	46	28th Ave	Highway 52	Sherman St	Path			0.5	2854	\$ 18,756	\$ 18,042	C. of Wausau	Consider trail facility between Stewart and Hwy 52.
	78	3rd St	Bridge St	Wausau Ave	Bike lane			0.3	1534	\$ 12,173	\$ 10,112	C. of Wausau	Remove parking on one side of street. Stripe street with wide parking lane, travel lanes, and buffered bike lane on other side.
	80	6th St	Union Ave	Riverview Ct	Bike lane			0.9	4778	\$ 31,401	\$ 30,205	C. of Wausau	There may be room for parking, travel lanes, and buffered bike lanes. At minimum, stripe parking lanes to create de facto bike lanes.
	83	Grand Ave	Schofield Ave	Forest St	Bike lane			\$ 3	18070	\$ 783,033	\$ 452,814	C. of Wausau / WisDOT	Existing right-of-way is too constrained. There may be room to squeeze lanes in at the edges, but there are concerns about a seam developing where asphalt has been poured over the gutter pan. Recommend adding bike lanes or buffered bike lanes when road is reconstructed. Utilize opportunities to add trail facility where feasible (between Sturgeon Eddy and Thomas Ave) including extension of River's Edge Trail.
	87	Highway 52 Pkwy	17th	Stewart Ave	Path			\$ 2	11438	\$ 495,647	\$ 286,624	C. of Wausau / WisDOT	Existing paved shoulder. Off street path on at least one side would be preferable.
	91	Stewart Ave	1st Ave	1st St	Bike lane	Yes		\$ 1	3152	\$ -	\$ 78,986	C. of Wausau / WisDOT	Existing bridge is too narrow to add bike lanes. Reduce bridge from 3 to 2 lanes for extension of sidewalk or buffered bike lane. Should also include improvements to intersection at 1st Street.
	118	Path	CTH WW	Marshall Hill Road	Path							V. of Maine	Path along RR tracks in WPS trolley ROW. Provides connection to Brokaw area.
	119	Path	CTH WW	Merrill	Path							V. of Maine	Short section of path in MPO planning area would provide connection from Wausau to recreation area in V. of Maine and beyond to Merrill.
	120	Bridge	Packer Drive	CTH NN	Path							Marathon County	Improving unused RR bridge across the Rib River and connecting with path from Wausau/Stettin to Rib Mountain. This is located outside of MPO planning area but would provide vital connection for communities.
	121	Bridge	Grossmann Ave	Northwestern Ave	Path							C. of Schofield	Bridge would extend path from the end of Grossman St to the north side of Eau Claire River and connect to Northwestern Avenue and/or Kent St. Could provide alternate route to Grand Avenue.
	122	Path	72nd Ave	CTH O	Path							C. of Wausau	Off Street path through the Business Park that connects north-south path on 72nd Ave to CTH O. Direct route that avoids roads with heavy trucks.
	123	Path	Eau Claire River	Kent St	Path							C. of Wausau	Path through the Eau Claire Conservancy area located between the river and Kent Street. This would connect to the Schofield bridge and serve as an alternate to Grand Ave.

	124	Path	River Street	Old Hwy 51 Trail	Path							C. of Mosinee	Provide crucial link between new Kronenwetter path and access to Mosinee.
	125	Trillium Trail	Buttercup Lane	Aster Road	Path							T. of Rib Mountain	Continues Trillium Trail path south to Water Treatment plant on Aster Road. Lies outside of current MPO planning boundary. Would connect Route 5, 7, and MB.
	126	Stewart Ave	Washington St	Forest St	Intersection							C. of Wausau	Complete rebuild of intersection of Stewart, Washington, 1st St, and Forest St. as detailed in the Urban Design & Transportation Plan 2019.
	127	Forest St	Washington St	Grand Ave	Path							C. of Wausau	Change Forest St to a two way with a seperated two way bike path on the south side. Detailed in the Urban Design & Transportation Plan 2019.
	128	Forest St	Grand Ave	6th St	Intersection							C. of Wausau	Convert intersection into a roundabout to better accommodate bicycle, pedestrain, and vehicle movements. Detailed in the Urban Design & Transportation Plan 2019.
	129	5th St	Forest St	Washington St	Bike lane	Yes						C. of Wausau	Create two way buffered bike lane to allow access into downtown area. Reduce car lanes to two from three.

Add-in funding and timeline:

Brokaw (focusing on County owned 70+ acre)

1. Matt [Concept](#)
2. Concept planning - hire IMBA TS (2021 or 2022??)
3. Marathon County master planning (2023-2025)

Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area

1. 2020 [Nine Mile Maintenance & Improvements](#)
 - a. Items 1-19 & 29 - 2020
 - b. Items 20-28 - 2021

Sylvan Hill Mountain Bike Park

1. [Sylvan Hill Phase II Plan](#) submitted to MCPRF in July 2019.
 - a. Return trail reroute in woods. Possibly extend up on the west side of service road.
 - i. Convert old return trail to new beginner DH trail with flyover (bridge) of new return trail
2. Repair/rebuild Twisted Oak 2020/2021
3. Repair/rebuild Fish Hook 2020/2021
4. Armor jump lips and/or low wet spots with geopaver
5. Add rock tech trail and advanced b-lines in summer 2021
 - a. Initial concept from Rock Solid was \$78,525.
 - b. Request bid from Epic Trails
6. Add progressive dirt jump area near pump track. 2021
7. Additional skill zone/loop west of dirt jump area.
8. Other ideas:
 - a. Cap pump track with clay base material or have it paved (Pumptracks USA)
 - b. Strider pump track /smaller kids
 - c. Add extensions to Bad Rabbit and Twisted Oak. Side to side space where slope is steeper can add more turns would make trails longer or create b-lines (rock tech?)
 - d. Move open shelter at bottom of hill to top of hill by parking lot (or build new open shelter by bike parking lot).





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Ringle Trails

1. Add b-line side jumps Ruby Ridge (similar in style to Lost 40) - **2020**
2. Add old school rock tech line off of Rookery (volunteer) - **2020**
3. Short Round completion (Epic Trails) - **2020**
4. Rookery completion (Travis Bellman) - **2020**
5. Extend approach on advanced drops on Ruby Ridge - **2020**
6. Small jump line off of Rock the Wierzba or Ruby Ridge. 1 ft drop in, jumps range in 2-5 ft table tops.
7. Medium jump line in the Lost 40. Drop in 4-5 ft. jumps range from 6-8ft. Down ridge to the fun bus.
8. B-line on Lost 40 just above/parallel to first bigger DH section
9. Jump DH area between Lost 40 and Rookery
10. Small skills area by parking lot (west side overflow). Use recycled material from solid waste dept. (old culverts, loader tires, concrete slabs etc.)
11. Small pump trail loop
12. Alternate line off of Forest Jump (up/over boulder)

Big Eau Pleine County Park

1. Install wooden boardwalk in wet areas
2. Turnpike construction
3. Popcorn
 - a. Rework section just south of pond (elevate tread)
 - b. Machine build hillside just south of pond
4. Dharma
 - a. Machine work wet areas for drainage
 - b. Machine work southern area with slight elevation (just before Acorn loop)
5. Dustbowl
 - a. West end reroute for future disc golf.
 - b. Reroute wet zone (machine build/drain or move)



5 Year Trail Plan (2020-2025) Improvements & Maintenance

- c. Machine build south end where elevation exists
6. Raspberry
 - a. Reroute for future disc golf course expansion
7. Machine build Acorn loop.
 - a. Rollers ,berms, green rock features, b-lines
8. Rock armoring/boardwalking of wet section on north side of Prudential after the large rock garden.

Underdown

1. Volunteer improvements on Main Course (north end) - **2020**
2. Gravel hauling (Prairie Dells) - **2020**
3. Connector Loop DH zone - **2023**

IMBA Ride Center Application

1. Write application - **2020/2021**
- 2.

Other Improvements/Maintenance

- Some type of skills section near all the trail heads
- Winter grooming (with snowmobile)
 - Ringle Trails
 - Big Eau Pleine County Park
 - Underdown & Prairie Dells
- Leaf blowing
- Brushing trail corridors
- Race course set up and prep