

**OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA**

of a meeting of the County Board, Committee, Agency,  
Corporation or Sub-Unit thereof,

COUNTY OF MARATHON  
WAUSAU, WI 54403

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

**April 29, 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.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference **beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

**Phone: 1-408-418-9388**

**Access Code: 187 280 1061**

If you are prompted to provide an "Attendee Identification Number," enter the "#" sign. No other number is required to participate in the telephone conference.

**When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

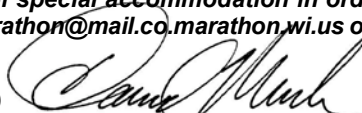
**POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2021 MEETING
4. FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AND CLIMATE GOALS UPDATE
5. MAY IS BIKE MONTH EVENTS
6. TRAIL COUNTS FOR 2020 AND 2021
7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
9. NEXT MEETING DATE – MAY 27, 2021
10. 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 [infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting.*

SIGNED



PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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FAXED TO: Mid-west Radio Group - 848-3158

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**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee**  
**Minutes – February 25, 2021**

**Members:** John Beatty, Dennis Helke, Thomas Mullaly, Gerald Klein, Todd Treu, Mark Thuot  
**Staff:** Andrew Lynch

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by LYNCH at 5:33pm

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2021 MEETING**

**Motion/second** by HELKE/MULLALY to approve the meeting minutes from the January 28, 2021 meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

**4. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT PREPARATION**

LYNCH announced that TAP grant application should be available in October of this year. Following a typical timeline, the applications would be due in Jan/Feb of 2022 and awards announced in August of 2022. Funds would be available starting in 2024. The MPO and regional DOT would like to work with the community ahead of the submission date to build a stronger application.

**5. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN PROPOSED STATE BUDGET**

LYNCH presented several items from the recent Governor's budget that involved active transportation. In addition to the Bike Fed items included in the packet, there was also a budget item allocating \$75 million for another Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) program.

**6. COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY UPGRADES**

This item was discussed first with approval of committee members. LYNCH presented the preliminary safety upgrades for County Highway roads proposed by SRF Consulting as part of a safety audit. The committee discussed the use of edge line rumble strips and their effect on bicyclists. Committee members voiced their displeasure for edge rumble strips and view them as a hazard to bicyclists. This is due to the reduced width to ride in, the inability to avoid debris in the shoulder, and the sound of a car on the strips to the rear that could startle a bicyclist. It was the committee members wish that the County Highway only use this treatment in targeted areas and with the following conditions:

Paved shoulder expanded to 5'

Commitment to clear the shoulders (sweep/blow) on a monthly (non-winter) basis.

Committee members have no issue with the use of centerline rumble strips.

TREU will solicit feedback from Wausau Wheelers members for the next County Infrastructure meeting.

**7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS**

**8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 25, 2021**

**10. ADJOURN**

**Motion/second** by BEATTY/HELKE to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.  
Meeting Adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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

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# Proposed Federal Infrastructure Plan – American Jobs Plan

See USAToday for full article: <https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/politics/2021/04/01/2-trillion-infrastructure-bill-charts-detail-bidens-plan/4820227001/>

More detail here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>

## 1. Transportation infrastructure: \$621 billion

The plan would make a massive investment in America's roadways, railways and bridges with a focus on clean energy.

It would spend \$174 billion, or about 28% of the transportation portion, on electric vehicles. That includes a network of 500,000 electric vehicle stations, using electric vehicles in bus fleets, and replacing the federal government's fleet of diesel transit vehicles with electric vehicles. It would also offer tax incentives and rebates for electric cars.

About \$115 billion would pay for fixing roads and bridges, chosen by those in most need of repair. That includes 20,000 miles of highways and roads, the 10 most "economically significant" bridges in the U.S. as well as 10,000 smaller bridges.

Another \$85 billion is set aside for modernizing transit systems and \$80 billion for a growing backlog of Amtrak repairs as well as improvements and route expansion. Airports, ports and waterways would also receive improvements.

## 2. Quality of life at home: \$650 billion

The largest part of the plan focuses on American homes, school buildings, underground water infrastructure and broadband expansion.

The plan would spend \$213 billion to build, preserve and retrofit more than 2 million affordable homes and commercial buildings. This includes the construction or rehabilitation of 500,000 homes for low- and middle-income owners. An additional \$111 billion would go toward clean drinking water, including replacement of all lead pipes and service lines.

The plan sets aside \$100 billion for constructing or modernizing public schools, while another \$100 billion would be used to build high-speed broadband networks throughout the country. The goal would be for broadband to become universal for all Americans and to drive down the costs for internet.

The plan also calls for \$40 billion to improve public housing, \$18 million for Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics, \$12 billion for community college infrastructure and \$16 million to plug oil and gas wells and reclaim abandoned mines.

## 3. Caregivers for elderly and people with disabilities

Biden wants to pump \$400 billion to improve access to quality, affordable home or community-based care for the elderly and people with disabilities. It would expand a Medicaid program to make more services available and eliminate a backlog that prevents thousands from getting care.

It would also boost pay for care workers, who are disproportionately women of color and typically earn about \$12 an hour.

## 4. Research, development and manufacturing

About \$300 billion in the plan would be invested in manufacturing, including support for domestic production of technologies and critical goods. Around \$50 billion would go toward semiconductor manufacturing and research.

The plan would spend \$180 billion on new research and development with an emphasis on clean energy, fewer emissions and climate change research. That total includes \$100 billion for worker training and an increase of worker protection systems.

## Biden Climate Goals – Transportation Impact

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/22/fact-sheet-president-biden-sets-2030-greenhouse-gas-pollution-reduction-target-aimed-at-creating-good-paying-union-jobs-and-securing-u-s-leadership-on-clean-energy-technologies/>

- The United States can reduce carbon pollution from the transportation sector by reducing tailpipe emissions and boosting the efficiency of cars and trucks; providing funding for charging infrastructure; and spurring research, development, demonstration, and deployment efforts that drive forward very low carbon new-generation renewable fuels for applications like aviation, and other cutting-edge transportation technologies across modes. Investment in a wider array of transportation infrastructure, including transit, rail, and biking improvements, will make more choices available to travelers.
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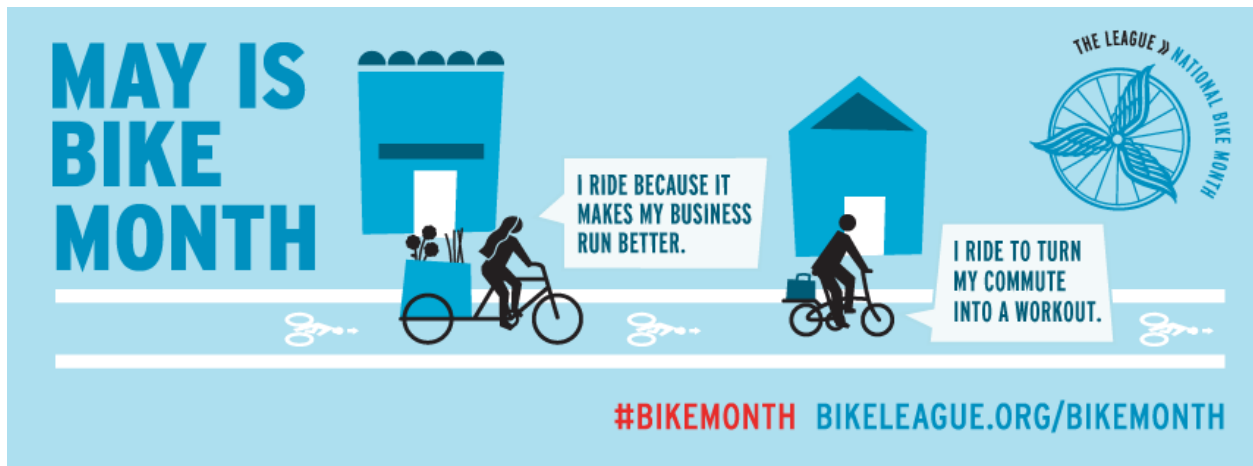
## *What's Missing in the Administration's Infrastructure Plan?*

While the current plan is ambitious—proposing to spend about \$600 billion over five years on transportation investments to achieve its goals—it misses an important opportunity to optimally invest in walking and biking infrastructure. The plan rightly aims to improve streets, yet it fails to directly commit resources to creating active transportation infrastructure that is entirely separated from vehicle traffic—the safest routes for people on foot, bike or wheelchair to get to routine destinations.

<https://www.railstotrails.org/trailblog/2021/april/13/biden-infrastructure-goals-would-be-achieved-with-more-strategic-investment-in-walking-and-biking/>



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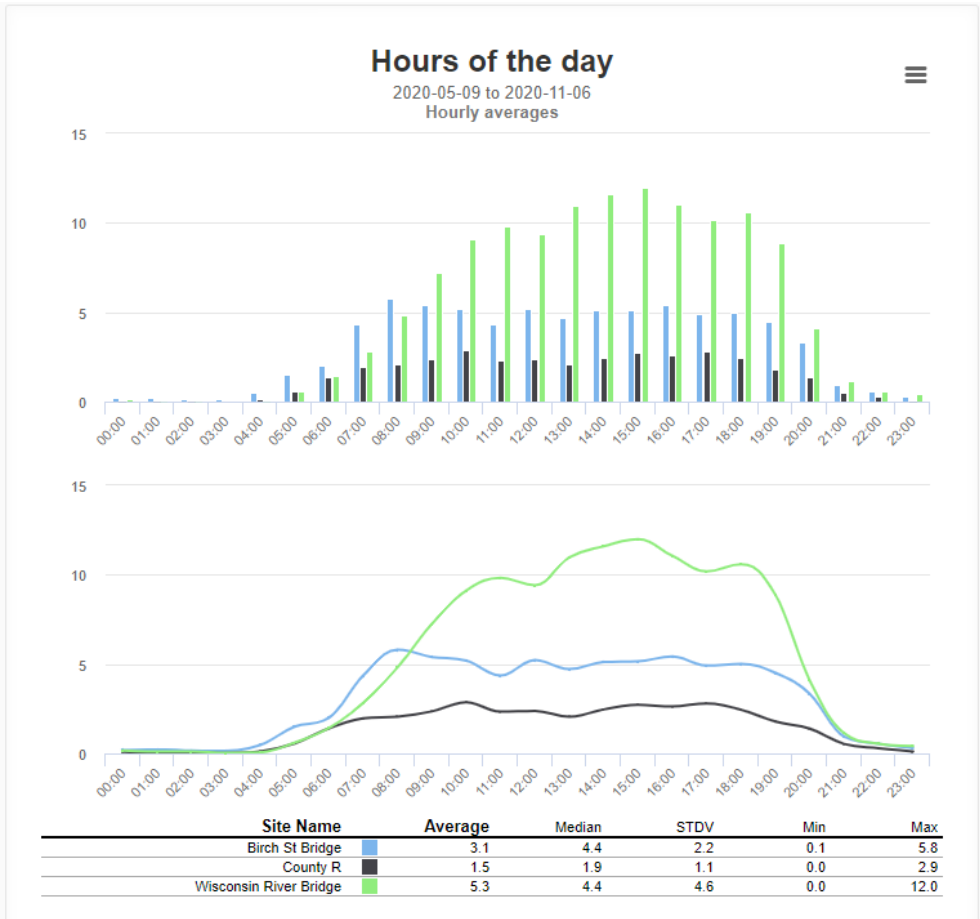
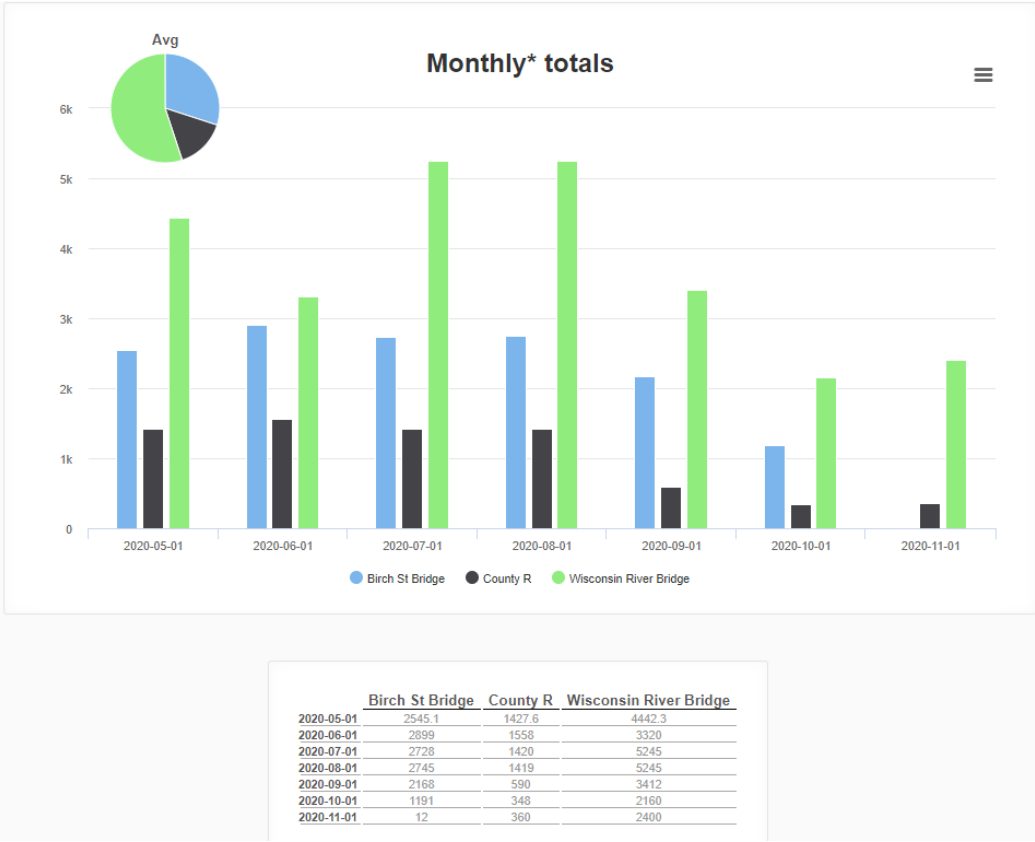
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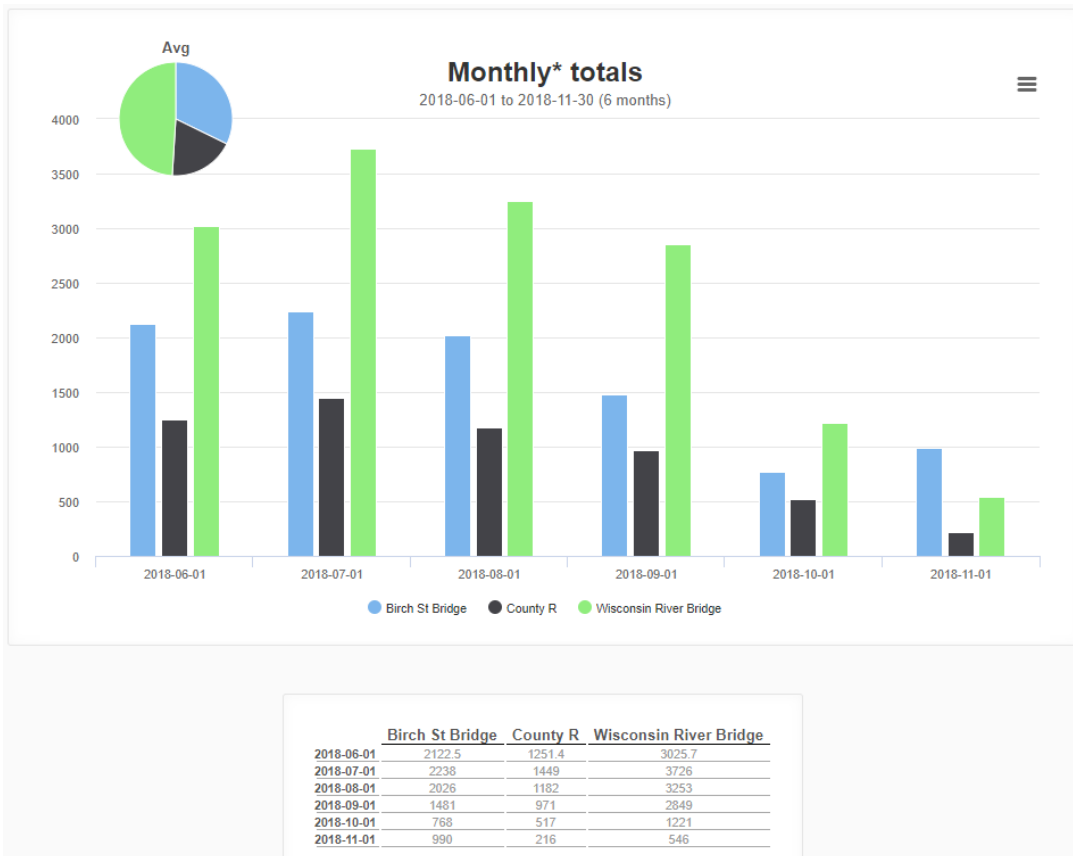
<https://bikeleague.org/content/take-part-first-ever-national-ride-bike-day>

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Trail Count Totals – 2020



## 2018



	Birch St Bridge	County R	Wisconsin River Bridge
2018-06-01	2122.5	1251.4	3025.7
2018-07-01	2238	1449	3726
2018-08-01	2026	1182	3253
2018-09-01	1481	971	2849
2018-10-01	768	517	1221
2018-11-01	990	216	546

