

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – June 24, 2021

Members: Hooshang Zeyghami, Vice-Chair, John Beatty, Mark Thuot, Ryan Lichtenwald, Lori Hellrood, Laurie Miskimins, Tom Mullaly
Staff: Andrew Lynch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by LYNCH at 5:30pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joined by new member Lori Hellrood representing Kronenwetter and Laurie Miskimins the new director of Marathon County's Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2021 MEETING

Motion/second by THUOT/MULLALY to approve the meeting minutes from the April 24, 2021 meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN PUBLIC INPUT

The Master Plan updates are out for public input. Materials are available on the Wausau MPO website with an online comment form. Public Open House was held on June 22, with no attendees. Comment period ends July 16 after which the committee will address any submissions. There are currently 4 comments submitted via the website.

5. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT PREPARATION

LYNCH noted that applications for upcoming funding cycle will be released in late August and due in January of 2022. A map of previous awarded projects was included in the packet. It is suggested that communities work with the MPO and DOT to review their projects before submittal in order to improve the application.

6. WAUSAU AREA BICYCLE MAP UPDATES

MPO would like to print new maps at the end of 2021 and a new design is needed. Committee members were asked for their input. Maps from Minneapolis, Chicago, Madison, Appleton, and Portland were also reviewed for ideas. Suggestions were as follows: Directions to MTB trails, Bike share stations, public restrooms and water, stress level of streets, rules on riding e-bikes, problem intersections. It was also suggested that a paper map could have less information and supplemental info could be provided from a QR code link.

7. BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY APPLICATION

Wausau Area was awarded the Bronze level for Bicycle Friendly Community in 2015. Renewals were delayed a year because of COVID and applications for the next cycle are due on Sept 1, 2021. Much of the information for the application was already loaded from the last time. Adding new

8. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Village of Maine: council approved supporting the Big Poinatowski Trail route in the Village.

City of Schofield: Working on property acquisition for Bus51 Bypass Trail, construction in 2022. Encourages everyone to comment on the Rib Mtn State Park plan update.

MPO:

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – JULY 29, 2021

11. ADJOURN

Motion/second by MULLALY/BEATTY to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by:
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