

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

April 12, 2016

Commissioners: Jim Tipple, Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Keith Donner (for Ermeling), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Tom Mullaluy (for Hoenisch), Raynard Zunker, Jim Griesbach (for Kluck), Dave Meurett (for Habeck)

Absent: George Peterson, Steve Hagman, Jeff Weisenberger, Milt Olson, Jim Riehle

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Brad Lenz

Others Present: Andrew Lynch; Steve Kunst – Town of Rib Mountain; John Beatty – Town of Rib Mountain resident; Joe Gehin – Becher-Hoppe

1. Call to Order

The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by chair Tipple at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / GRIESBACH TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. National Highway System Update

Discussion: The discussion from the March meeting regarding the elimination of some road segments was summarized. The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) developed a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet to provide guidance on the National Highway System (NHS) design standards and exceptions with links to the relevant statutes and publications. This FAQ sheet would be sent to the members. The Wausau area's eight street segments that are part of the NHS but not state highways or connecting highways will also be submitted to the communities. The NHS has design standards that must be followed when a roadway is reconstructed and a community must provide justification for removing a segment from the system.

Action: NO ACTION NECESSARY.

Follow Through: The FHA/AASHTO FAQ sheet will be e-mailed to the members; Meurett to e-mail the list of road segments within the Wausau area that are part of the NHS but not state highways or connecting highways.

5. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Applications Ranking

Discussion: The four TAP applications and a ranking sheet were included in the meeting packet and briefly reviewed. The applications were to be ranked; this ranking will be submitted to WisDOT-Central office. This was a state-wide competitive grant program. Comments included:

- Initial review by WisDOT of the original applications determined that 2 projects did not meet the completion criteria as both involved railroad right-of-way and it was anticipated that the projects could not be completed within the set timeframe.
- MPO staff considered how the projects would fit within the regional bike/ped plan and transportation system when the internal review and ranking was completed.

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- ◇ MPO staff presented their recommended ranking for the projects: #1 Trillium Path (T-Rib Mountain), #2 Business Campus (C-Wausau), #3 SW Neighborhood (V Weston), #4 Stettin Drive (C-Wausau)
- Strong concern expressed about the potential hazards on Stettin Drive for children walking to school.
 - ◇ The Stettin Drive project would add a 10 foot wide trail with a crossing by the school property for bikes and pedestrians addressing safety issues.
- The Trillium Path would connect to various trails on the system.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / DONNER TO RANK THE PROJECTS AS FOLLOWS: #1 TRILLIUM PATH (T-RIB MOUNTAIN), #2 STETTIN DRIVE (C-WAUSAU), #3 SW NEIGHBORHOOD (V-WESTON) AND #4 BUSINESS CAMPUS (C-WAUSAU). MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: This ranking will be forwarded to WisDOT-Central office to be considered as part of the statewide ranking process.

6. Next Meeting – May 10, 2016

Discussion: Tipple was thanked for his years of service to this body.

Action: CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10 AT 2:00 PM.

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

7. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, MOTION / SECOND BY RHODEN / GRIESBACH ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:45 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Submitted by:

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Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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