

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
October 11, 2016

Commissioners: George Peterson, Robert Mielke (*excused 2:55 pm*), Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Barbara Ermeling (*excused 3:10 pm*), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Tom Mullaley (for Hoenisch), Raynard Zunker, Jim Riehle (*excused 3:10 pm*), Kevin Lang (for Kluck), Dave Meurett (for Habeck)

Absent: Milt Olson, Steve Hagman, Jeff Weisenberger

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Keith Donner, Brad Lenz, Mitch Batuzich, Matt Schreiber, Darryl Landeau

Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Jeff Pritchard – Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ); Steve Kunst – Town of Rib Mountain; Jon Graveen – Village of Maine; Sev Magalong, Brentt Michalek - Mobilitie

1. Call to Order

The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by vice-chair Peterson 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 August 16, 2016 meeting

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / RIEHLE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 16 10, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

4. Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Membership

Discussion: With the resignation of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee's chair, Phil Valitchka, efforts are being made to create a more formal structure for this committee. To that end, the communities were sent a letter requesting the appointment of a representative, either the community's current representative or a resident with an interest in bicycling. The letter indicated a November 1 deadline but that could be extended. Of note:

- The committee currently meets monthly on the 4th Thursday, except during the summer
- Meeting times and frequency could be items for discussion
- Communities can have multiple representatives with only one reporting back to the community's governing body.

Action: NO ACTION NECESSARY, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

Follow Through: Communities to appoint a representative to the committee.

5. Sewer Service Area Planning and Data

Discussion: Work on the sewer service area plan has begun. To ensure that the sewer service area map is as accurate as possible, the communities were requested to provide information on properties that are served by sanitary sewers. Areas to be served in the next 20 years will be projected from this data base. Property owners' names are not necessary, addresses and parcel ids would be helpful. Kick-off meetings are in the process of being scheduled, the water quality management technical advisory committee will identify common issues/concerns along with problems with past planning efforts, and meetings with the communities will discuss current and future sewer service area needs.

Action: NO ACTION NECESSARY, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

Follow Through: Pritchard or Landeau should be contacted with any questions or concerns.

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

October 11, 2016

6. 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Projects

Discussion: The draft UPWP was included in the meeting packet and briefly reviewed. This document is prepared annually and contains the program's budget. Highlighted were:

- Long range transportation planning – development of a new Title VI plan to remain compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Short range transportation planning – coordination of Performance Measures with WisDOT
- Transit planning – develop a new Transit Development Plan for the entire metro area and continue to monitor the elderly and disabled transportation programs
- Prepare the 2018-2021 TIP
- Prepare the 2018 UPWP
- The budget reflects the increase in federal funds which enables staff to complete more plans in-house
- The increase to the local share is shown in the budget.

Action: NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME; ACTION ON THIS ITEM WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

Follow Through: Comments or concerns with the draft 2017 UPWP will be accepted until 11/4 and the final document presented to the commission for approval at the November meeting.

7. 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Discussion: The draft TIP was included in the meeting packet and briefly reviewed. Table 1 lists state and federally funded projects (local and WisDOT), locally funded projects, and associated costs for the next 4 years. Members are to check their community's projects to ensure accuracy; differences will be reconciled with WisDOT. Projects are listed by community/agency doing the work. A public informational meeting (PIM) has been scheduled for October 18, 4:30-6 pm in CPZ's large conference room. Comments will be accepted until November 4 and the final document will be presented for action at the November meeting.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / ERMELING TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND SEND IT TO PUBLIC REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: The public informational meeting will be held October 18. Comments on the draft TIP will be accepted until November 4 and the final document will be presented to the Commission for approval at the November meeting.

8. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Discussion: The draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was included in the meeting packet and briefly reviewed. The 45 day comment period started September 20 and a PIM will be held on October 18 in conjunction with the TIP. This plan is meant to be a bridge between the model used in previous plans (capacity) and the new model (Level of Service), and looks at transportation from a regional perspective. As the plan is reviewed, members were reminded to keep previous recommendations in mind, although a lot of the area's major projects have been completed. Future projects included: a bridge over the Rib River in Rib Mountain, Wausau's Grand Avenue, and development of the southeast interchange on Camp Phillips in Weston. Comments on the plan will be accepted until November 4 and the final document will be presented to the commission for action at the November meeting. Of note:

- The land use map needs to be corrected
- Chapter 4 does mention autonomous vehicles
- The draft plan is available on the MPO's [website](#)

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY MIELKE / FIFRICK TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SEND IT TO PUBLIC REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

October 11, 2016

Follow Through: The public informational meeting will be held October 18. Comments on the draft LRTP will be accepted until November 4 and the final document will be presented for approval at the November meeting.

9. Mobilitie Presentation – Brentt Michalek

Discussion: After thanking the members for allowing him to address the commission, Michalek provided background information on Mobilitie, the fastest growing private utility in the U.S, and a PowerPoint Presentation on its project to expand commercial broadband networks. Mobilitie representatives will meet individually with the communities in which it is proposing to construct these utility poles, some up to 120', in local right-of-ways.

Action: NO ACTION NECESSARY, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

Follow Through: NONE NECESSARY.

10. Next Meeting – November 8, 2016

Discussion: The final drafts of the UPWP, TIP and LRTP will be presented for approval at the November 8 meeting.

Action: CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AT 2:00 PM.

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

11. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / FIFRICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 3:30 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSSENT.**

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, MPO Director

Marathon County

Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM:ljs

October 18, 2016