

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
February 14, 2017

Commissioners: George Peterson, Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Barbara Ermeling, Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Raynard Zunker, Thomas Mullaley, Randy Fifrick (for Voss), Kevin Lang (for Kluck), Brad Lenz (for Meilke), Dave Meurett (for Habeck)

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Keith Donner

Others Present: Andrew Lynch – Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ); Joe Gehin (Becher Hoppe), Steve Kunst (Town of Rib Mountain), Loren White (Village of Weston), John Graveen (Village of Maine)

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 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Approve Minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES/RHODEN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: This amendment was included with the meeting materials and would incorporate the following WisDOT projects: Reconstruction 1st Avenue from Thomas Street to Stewart Avenue (change to funding year) and Roadway Maintenance on STH 153 Mosinee (addition of federal identification number). Lang questioned if the Table 1 totals are correct; staff to verify and correct Table 1 totals if necessary.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY LENZ/FIFRICK TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION #1-17 2017 – 2020 TIP AMENDMENT CORRECTED AS NECESSARY. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Submit to WisDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

5. Transit Development Plan (TDP) Plan Discussion: The (TDP) timeline was included in the meeting packet and briefly reviewed. This is a five year update to the plan. Highlights included:

- Regional basis of transit planning within the community; not specific to Wausau
- Benefits of transit
- Public Engagement team
- Talk to stakeholders
- Peer review – similar sized communities / systems
- System Expansion
- Regional Transit Authority (RTA) will be discussed as a consideration

Action: NO ACTION NEEDED AT THIS TIME, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: The TDP Plan will be reviewed in September and finalize in November

6. Wisconsin Department Transportation – Local Program Discussion: WisDOT's draft schedule for the 2017-2022 Local Federal Improvement Program was reviewed; the guidelines were included in the meeting packet. This is the 6 year funding cycle by which projects on functionally classified roads within the urbanized area are funded. Discussion included:

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

February 14, 2017

- Status of currently programmed projects (Grand Avenue – Schofield, Town Line Road – Wausau/Highway Dept., 2 Rib Mountain Drive projects – Rib Mountain, 1st Avenue Thomas Street to Stewart Avenue – Wausau)
- The funding will remain the same for the next two years
- Anticipated future funding levels
- The TAC will review projects and submit recommendations to the commission for its consideration
- Deadline for local units of government to submit projects to WisDOT is July 10, 2017
- Deadline for completion of road construction projects is 2024

Action: NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

Follow Through: The MPO TAC will review and rank projects in July, forwarding its recommendations to the commission for its consideration.

7. Wisconsin Riverwood Trail – City of Mosinee: An article on the City of Mosinee's the Wisconsin Riverwoods Trail was included in the meeting packet. Showcasing this type of project informs all of the metro communities. The project was partially funded by the Bicycle & Facilities program (BFPF) Transportation Enhancement Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT).

Action: NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME

Follow Through: Showcase projects as information becomes available.

8. Next Meeting – March 14, 2017

Action: CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED MARCH 14, 2017 AT 2:00 PM.

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

9. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, MOTION / SECOND BY RHODEN/FIFRICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:40 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, MPO Director

Marathon County

Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM:cek:ljs

February 20, 2017