

## MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

### Minutes May 9, 2017

**Commissioners:** John Prah, George Peterson, Barbara Ermeling, Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Raynard Zunker, Tom Mullaley (for Hoenisch), Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Milton Olson, Robert Mielke, Dave Meurett (for Habeck)

**TAC Members:** Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Keith Donner, Darryl Landeau, Mark Thuot (Hoen), Erick Lindman,

**Others Present:** Jeff Pritchard – Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ); Loren White (Village of Weston), Joe Gehin (Becher Hoppe), Steve Kunst (Town of Rib Mountain), Allen Wesolowski (City of Wausau), Kathy Zoern, and Diane Thoune

#### 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 March 14, 2017 meeting

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY MIELKE/FIFRICK TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 14, 2017 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

#### 4. STP-Block Grant (STP-Urban) Funds

**Discussion:** Included in the Agenda was a summary from the DOT explaining the assistance programs available and web links with instructions, forms, and guidelines. The money that comes to the MPO is from the STP-Block fund from the Federal Highway Administration through the Department of Transportation. The grant cycle runs from 2017-2022 and should be able to utilize the money in July 2018. This is the application process to apply for funds for road projects. The eligibility process and criteria was explained and noted with this grant cycle criteria staying the same and will be reviewed by the TAC next year. The draft application is due to the regional office by May 26 with the final application due on July 10.

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

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

#### 5. Sewer Service Area Plan Update

**Discussion:** Meetings with the participating communities were held over the past few months and numerous questions concerning the water quality and waste water prescriptions were discussed. The WQMTAC is planning on having a meeting in June to review and address some issues in the draft document.

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

**Follow Through:** Continue to monitor the SSA Plan and keep the committee updated.

#### 6. Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Leadership

**Discussion:** Recently there was a change in leadership for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee. John Nowaczyk is the new chairperson. He is from the Wausau area, an avid bicyclist, and is looking forward to improving the whole area. Hooshang Zeyghami is the new vice-chairperson. Hooshang was a part of the original committee, a Weston resident, and wants to become more involved with the public services in the community. Next Monday, May 22, 2017, is Ride with the Mayor at Marathon Park, City of Wausau. Kronenwetter is having their annual Bike and Walk for the Health of It Thursday May 18, 2017, at 6 at Towering Pines Park.

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## 7. MPO/Wausau Open Streets Event

Discussion: Wausau Open Streets event is a temporary linear park for people to enjoy being outside and joining in fun activities. It is being located starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> St /Washington to Wausau Ave. The streets will be closed to vehicles and open to people. Get there on bike, walk, or roll. This has become a nationwide event originating in Columbia in the 1970s. Approximately 70 cities partake with different events but with the same concept. The idea is to fill the streets with people. Food trucks, outreach tables, outdoor activities, and fun for the whole family. The event is May 21, 2017 from 12-4 pm on 3rd St in Wausau.

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

Follow Through: Review the outcome of the event.

## 8. Community Updates

Discussion: Construction on Rib Mountain Drive in Rib Mountain should be starting soon and completed by fall of 2017. The Village of Kronenwetter is working on a small gravel trail by G3 Industries and M & J Marine. The Grant that the Village of Kronenwetter received in 2010 will hopefully be used in 2018. In the City of Wausau, Thomas St. will be closed starting May 30; from 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. to and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. City of Mosinee is having a ribbon cutting for the Riverwoods Trail on May 17, at 6pm, at the west parking lot at Edgewood Park. The County Highway W Bridge in Brokaw is still in construction. The Village of Rothschild is not currently working on Military Road.

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

## 9. Next Meeting – June 13, 2017

Action: **CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED JUNE 13, 2017 AT 2:00 PM.**

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

## 10. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK/GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:35 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

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Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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