

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**October 10, 2017**

**Commissioners:** George Peterson, Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Raynard Zunker, Thomas Mullaley (for Hoenisch), Randy Fifrick (for Voss), Jim Griesbach (for Kluck), Brad Lenz (for Meilke), Dave Meurett (for Habeck), Milton Olson,

**TAC Members:** Dave Mack, Keith Rusch, Darryl Landeau, Steve Kunst

**Others Present:** Andrew Lynch, Brenda Iczkowski, Tonia Speener, Gary Olsen, Joe Gehin, Kevin Lang

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 2:08 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 August 15, 2017 meeting

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GRIESBACH / OLSON TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 15, 2017 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

4. 2017-2022 STP-Block Grant (STP-Urban) Project Applications Rankings

Discussion: Mack reviewed the rankings for the 2017-2022 STP Block Grant Applications.

Lynch explained the re-evaluation of the ranking of all the projects. The Ross/ Kramer/ Kersten project has changed in ranking due to the Town/Village of Weston revising their application with the sidewalk removal allowing the City of Wausau Stewart Avenue to move up in ranking. The top two projects, North 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Marathon County-County Road K could be awarded at their full 50% portion and around 38% or approximately \$680,000 of the project cost for the City of Wausau Stewart Avenue to be awarded and the remaining 3 would remain tied at fourth place in the rankings. The amount allocated to the third project will remain open until the DOT gives the MPO its allocation amount.

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK/ GATES TO approve the following projects with the following funding: \$500,000 TO THE CITY OF WAUSAU FOR NORTH 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET, \$120,500 TO MARATHON COUNTY-COUNTY ROAD K AND THE CITY OF WAUSAU STEWART AVENUE TO RECEIVE THE REMAINING FUNDING AND THE OTHER 3 REMAINING PROJECTS TO BE RANKED IN FOURTH PLACE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: The rankings will be submitted to WisDOT and the final allocation from WisDOT will be presented at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5. 2018-2021 Draft Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Discussion: Mack briefly reviewed the draft of the Transportation Improvement Plan document. Table 1 being an important part of the document lists all the projects in the area that will receive state or federal funding. The 30 day review process began on October 10, 2017 and will end November 10, 2017. The plan was properly noticed in the Wausau Daily Herald. The Public Informational Meeting will be held on October 24, 2017 from 4:30-6 pm in the Large Conference room at 210 River Drive.

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY MULLALEY / GREISBACH TO APPROVE THE DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND TAKE IT TO PUBLIC REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: The draft TIP will be available for public review for 30 days. A listing of the changes and the final TIP document will be presented for approval at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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## 6. 2018 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Discussion: Mack gave a brief description of what the UPWP is and reviewed the document. The work program is a document of the work that will be done over the year and the budget that has been created to perform the work. The dollar amounts and local share are the same as 2017. Some of the highlighted projects for 2018 are listed below.

- DOT Federal Highway Administration with the Fast Act performance base planning process. The WisDOT is in the process of moving towards a performance based planning process.
- A new Public Participation Plan will be created
- The use of Social media will be updated
- The Bicycle/Pedestrian plan will be implemented.
- The Transit Development Plan will be finalized for the Metro Area.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY Lenz / Kunst to accept the Unified Planning Work Program draft. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Comments or concerns with the draft 2018 UPWP will be accepted and the final document presented to the commission for approval at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 7. Next Meeting – November 14, 2017

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

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

## 8. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY GRIESBACH / FIFRICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:37 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

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Marathon County

Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

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