

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
January 9, 2018

Commissioners: George Peterson, Raynard Zunker, Thomas Mullaley (for Hoenisch), Jim Griesbach (for Kluck), Brad Lenz (for Mielke), Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Loren White (for Ermeling), Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn)

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Keith Donner, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Brian Grefe, Gary Olsen

Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Brenda Iczkowski, Allen Wesolowski

1. Call to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by vice-chair Peterson at 2:05 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 14, 2017 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY MULLALEY / ZUNKER TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2017 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. STP Block Grant Application Rankings

Discussion: Mack reviewed the re-evaluated project rankings for the 2017-2022 STP Block Grant Applications. The City of Wausau withdrew their application for funding Stewart Avenue. The project costs would exceed the funding criteria. The North 6th Street and County Road K projects remain the top two projects and will be funded at the 50%. The 2017-2022 STP project ranking spreadsheet had an error and was corrected. The correction did not change the rankings. The Village of Weston's original application for the Birch St. project was reviewed by WisDOT and following the comments, Weston could be funded if the allocation is at the 50% local cost share level.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / MULLALEY TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE TO WESTON TO RE-EVALUATE AND INVESTIGATE THEIR APPLICATION TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE REMAINING FUNDS AVAILABLE. IF WESTON WOULD HAVE TO WITHDRAW THE PROJECT APPLICATION, MARATHON COUNTY REQUESTS THAT THE ALLOCATION BE HELD IN AN ACCOUNT UNTIL THE NEXT FUNDING CYCLE. IF THE MONEY IS UNABLE TO BE HELD IN AN ACCOUNT, THE REMAINING FUNDS WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE TOP 2 PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff will update the Committee at the next scheduled meeting on the status of the Village of Weston Project and where each projects funding stands.

5. 2018 Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measures

Discussion: Lynch discussed the resolution #1-18, Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measures that was included in the meeting packet. The Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measures are a requirement from the Federal FAST Act. Part of the FAST Act is to look at the effectiveness of projects and their safety components. States are required to set goals to reduce injuries. WISDOT gave the MPO and Regional Planning groups the opportunity to adopt the state targets or create your own and the Wausau MPO decided to use the state targets this year. The state target will alter some of the projects criteria for scoring in the future with the funding and the evaluation.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GRIEBACH / FIFRICK to Adopt Resolution #1-18, the Highway Safety Improvement Program 2018 Performance Measure Targets. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff will send to the approved resolution to WisDOT and FHWA.

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6. 2018-2022 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

Muerett stated he heard there hasn't been a lot of interest from the communities in the TAP program to thus far. TAP projects that include sidewalks, pedestrian amenities, bike lanes, and bike parking are just a few of the examples the grant can fund. WisDOT is preparing to accept applications for TAP with approximately \$7.05 million being awarded statewide. The application deadline is Friday, January 26, 2018.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

7. Next Meeting – February 13, 2018

Action: **CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 13, 2018 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 RHODEN / FIFRICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:32 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, MPO Director

Marathon County

Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

February 5, 2018