

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
April 10, 2018

Commissioners: Barabara Ermeling, Raynard Zunker, Thomas Mullaley (for Hoenisch), Robert Mielke, Steve Kunst (for Opall), Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn), Raynard Zunker

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Keith Rusch, Gary Olsen, Brad Lenz, Eric Lindman, Greg Seubert

Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Brenda Iczkowski, Tonia Speener, Joe Gehin, Loren White

1. Selection of Chair / Call to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Ermeling for Chair Peterson at 2:10 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 January 9, 2018 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY ZUNKER / FIFRICK TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2018 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. STP Block Grant Application Status

Discussion: Mack shared the changes the Village of Weston made for their project to receive the 50% match. The WisDOT has accepted the changes. The packet contains the letter that was sent to the WisDOT. The first project is the North 6th St. in the City of Wausau, which will receive \$535,353., County Road K in the Village of Maine will receive \$144,500., and the Village of Weston Birch Street project will have a total allocation of \$620,000. The other projects were either removed or not allocated any funds with this round of funding.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: none

5. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Amendment

Discussion: Lynch expressed the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee had approved the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Amendment at their last meeting, which was March 22, 2018. The project amendments are as follows:

- Business 51/Schofield Avenue to west Grand Ave in the City of Schofield will have an off-street path;
- 72nd Avenue Packer Drive to International Drive in the City of Wausau with an off-street path along 72nd Ave.
- 72nd Avenue to Innovation Way in the City of Wausau with an off-street path providing east- west connectivity across the Industrial Park with areas of wetlands having a boardwalk.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY KUNST / MIELKE TO APPROVE THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN AMENDMENT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff will make the necessary changes to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

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6. 2018-2022 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Applications Ranking

Discussion: Mack explained the Transportation Alternative Program grant application ranking process. Mack handed out a letter from the Village of Rothschild and Schofield that was sent to WisDOT asking for an alternative option for their original project. The old corridor West Grand Avenue is still owned by Canadian National (CN). The second would be the City of Wausau Safe Routes to School. The Business Campus 72nd Avenue in third and fourth would be the Business Campus East-West corridor in the City of Wausau.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY MULLALEY / MIELKE TO ACCEPT THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS RANKINGS. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff to send to WisDOT for consideration.

7. Draft 2018 Transit Development Program (TDP)

Discussion: Lynch reviewed the Transit Development Program which was included in the packet. MPO developed this for Metro Ride. The revised the vision and mission statements in the plan. There has been actively public engagement which included 3 different surveys. The first was the mail survey to the 5 core communities. The second survey was the Business survey which was emailed to the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce members. The last survey was the Rider survey in January 2018, which the riders of the transit system completed. The challenges the Metro Ride endure is funding, aging fleet, ride share, autonomous vehicle and land use. Some of the consequences are State and Federal funding would be removed, a percentage of Wausau Public Schools would be without a ride to and from school, and loss of paratransit are just a few of the consequences. The recommendations to continue the program are capital, operational, engagement, expansion of service, funding opportunities, policy, and path forward.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY MIELKE / OLSEN TO ENDORSE THE 2018 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DRAFT TO BE TAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Public Meetings will be scheduled.

8. Next Meeting – May 8, 2018

Action: **CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED MAY 8, 2018 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 MULLALEY / 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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Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

May 2, 2018