

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**May 14, 2019**

**Commissioners:** John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice-chair, Dave Meuret (for Wickham), Steve Kunst (for Opall), Robert Mielke, Keith Donner (for Sparks), Tim Buttke (for Zunker), Milton Olson, Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson)

**TAC Members:** Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Darryl Landeau, Eric Lindman

**Others Present:** Brenda Iczkowski, Tonia Speener, Mike Leischner

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 Chair Robinson at 2:05 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made. Tim Buttke will be representing the Town of Stettin on Raynard Zunker's behalf.

3. Public Comment – NONE

4. Approve Minutes April 9, 2019 meeting

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY MIELKE / DONNER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 9, 2019 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION: TO INCLUDE THE CHANGES TO RESOLUTION #5-19 BY REPLACING THE WORD INSIST WITH REQUEST IN THE TITLE AND BODY. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

5. State Highway 52/Business 51 Reroute Proposal, City of Wausau

**Discussion:** Mack included in the packet maps showing the impacts from rerouting State Highway 52/ Business US 51. The blue lines are the impacts extending Highway 52 southbound and westerly on Scott St. Business US 51 would be northbound on 6<sup>th</sup> St and turn westerly onto Scott St.

Lindman shared that the schedule they are following is reliant on the WisDOT. A traffic study was done by a consulting company who presented information to the WisDOT at a public hearing. The WisDOT asked the City of Wausau to present the project to the MPO for their endorsement.

Muerett shared that WisDOT has reviewed the traffic study and there were a few changes. WisDOT is waiting for the environmental document to be reviewed before decisions are made.

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / DONNER TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT THE REROUTE OF STATE HIGHWAY 52/ BUSINESS US 51 IN THE CITY OF WAUSAU. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

**Follow Through:** A letter of support from Chair Robinson to be sent to the City of Wausau indicating the support by the MPO because the official minute of this meeting will not be approved until the June meeting.

6. 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

**Discussion:** Information regarding the amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program was included in the meeting packet. Projects that get State and Federal funding need to be including in the TIP. The Amendment includes traffic signal updates for safety improvements on Scott St. between 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets in the City of Wausau utilizing Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY OLSON / MIELKE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #6-19 ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

**Follow Through:** Staff will make the appropriate changes to the TIP and send to WisDOT and FHWA.

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## 7. Surface Transportation Program-Block Grant Funding

Discussion: In the packet was a table Mack shared that he received from WisDOT. The table shows the disbursement of the Surface Transportation funds to all the MPO's throughout the state. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee ranks and allocates the funds to the projects. They have been re-evaluating the allocation criteria's for the past few months. Wausau's annual share is \$628,672 with a balance of \$2,490,648 estimated available for the 2021-2025 Cycle. Currently scheduled is the North 6<sup>th</sup> St and County Road K which is the \$652,714. The application packets will be ready in the next few weeks and will need to be submitted to the MPO this fall.

Lynch included the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications will also be available this fall for the 2020-2024 cycle. This includes the Bicycle/ Pedestrian projects and Safe Ride to School projects

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: Staff to inform commission of future updates.

## 8. Discussion on Issues for Future Meetings

Functional Classification, Schedule on project deadlines for applications

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: Staff to inform commission of future updates.

## 9. Next Meeting – June 11, 2019

Action: **CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED JUNE 11, 2019 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 MEURETT / OLSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:40 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

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Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

May 28, 2019