



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**May 9, 2023**

**Meeting Attendance:** John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice-chair, Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Jared Grande (for Opall), Dave Meurett (for Wickham), Darryl Landeau, Brad Lenz, Katie Rosenberg, Ryan VanDeWalle, Brenda Iczkowski, Dave Mack, Lance Mueller, Jordan Kelbley, Matthew Sorensen, Dan Hekrdle (for Voll), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn), Michael Wodalski (for Maloney), Eric Lindman, Sara Husen, Jonathan Smith

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 Chairperson Robinson at 2:05 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.

2. Public Comment – None

3. Approve Minutes February 14, 2023. Commission meeting

**Action:** MOTION / SECOND BY / ROSENBERG/GRANDE TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 14, 2023, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Rothschild/Schofield Bus 51 Bypass Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Project

**Discussion:** Mack shared the Village of Rothschild contacted staff on the TAP funded project they are currently working on. The Village of Rothschild is having some issues working with the railroad and have shared an alternative pathway for consideration. Included in the packet is a map showing the current proposed pathways and the alternative proposed pathways.

**Action:** MOTION / SECOND BY GATES/GRANDE TO ENDORSE ALTERNATIVE #1 AS PROPOSED BY THE VILLAGE OF ROTHSCHILD. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

**Follow Through:** Staff will update WisDOT on the alternative pathway.

5. 2023 Carbon Reduction Grant Program – Project Applications

**Discussion:** Mack shared last year at this time, there was funding available for the Carbon Reduction Grant Program. After legislature reviewed the grant program, it was determined the funding for electric vehicle wouldn't be allowed and since 2 of the submitted projects were for an electric truck and a forklift, those projects were ineligible. This year, two applications were submitted for new LED street lighting. In the packet is 3 different scenarios for the commission to consider for funding. The total amount of funds available is \$204,370.

**Action:** MOTION / SECOND BY ROSENBERG/GRANDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OPTION #1 GIVING THE CITY OF WAUSAU AND THE CITY OF MOSINEE 72.73% OF THE GRANT REQUEST. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT

**Follow Through:** Staff will submit the projects to WisDOT.

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6. 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Discussion: Mack shared included in the packet is an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that include the following: Carbon Reduction program funding that include alternative #1, which is updating the amount for the City of Wausau amount and adding the City of Mosinee's funding; Deleting from the current TIP, will be the Town of Rib Mountain and Village of Weston vehicles from the 2022 Carbon Reduction funding; and lastly, Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) is asking for 5311 federal transit funds for mobility management and operating funds.

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #3-23 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff will send the amended resolution to WisDOT.

7. 2024 Planning Funds Estimates for MPO

Discussion: Mack shared in the packet is information received from WisDOT regarding the 2024 funding allocation within the state. The funding has changed since the 2020 Census populations and new funding changed. The table shows the population changes from 2010 to 2020. The Wausau MPO population increased by 2,797. The funding tables for 2023 is \$234,990 and the funding formula shows 2024 will increase to \$250,777. The local share will be going up to \$41,013 in 2024.

**Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Staff will forward updated budget calculations for the MPO communities.

8. Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Survey

Discussion: Mueller updated the commission of the results of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee survey that was sent out to the committee and members on the email list. In the last couple years, the attendance of the meetings has been around 6-9 members. The committee is considering moving the meetings from monthly to quarterly to increase attendance.

**Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Staff will contact the communities regarding sending an official representative to the committee meeting and will notify the commission on updates.

9. Metro Area Intersection Accident Report

Discussion: Mack shared a link in the packet that shows the Wausau MPO Intersection Crash Statistics from January 2018- December 2022 report that Mueller completed. The report shows the top 20 crash intersections within the Wausau MPO. As part of the Long Range Transportation Plan and the TIP staff is to monitor the performance measures and part of the measures is safety. Every couple of years, the data is analyzed with possible ways for improvement changes.

**Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: For informational purposes only.

10. Public Water Work Group Membership and Update

Discussion: Robinson shared the work group has met twice as an organizational meeting hearing what the communities' concerns are and another for the overview of the county's groundwater planning updates. There has been a request for Dale Grosskurth, Marathon County Health Department, to be part of the Public Water Work Group membership.

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY THUOT/GRANDE TO ADD DALE GROSSKURTH TO THE PUBLIC WATER WORK GROUP MEMBERSHIP. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff will add Dale Grosskurth to work group.

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11. Program Announcements

Discussion: Mack shared WisDOT will be releasing the information to apply for the STP-Urban funds and the TAP funds will be released June 2, 2023. The anticipated due date for those funds will be in October.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting Date – June 13, 2023

Funding opportunities and criteria; Safety inventory.

13. Adjournment

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY GRANDE /VANDEWALLE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 3:10PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff will update the MPO website as proposal above

Submitted by:

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