



MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
September 12, 2023

Meeting Attendance: John Robinson – Chair, Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Dave Meurett (for Bronson), Darryl Landeau, Katie Rosenberg, Dave Mack, Lance Mueller, Mark Thuot (for Hoehn), Michael Wodalski (for Maloney), Eric Lindman, Tim Buttke, Allen Wesolowski, Ryan Van De Walle (for Peterson), Jordan Kelbley, Brad Lenz, Jason Nordberg, Jonathan Smith, Sara Husen, Dave Eckman

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 2:01 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.

2. Public Comment – Jonathan Smith made a public comment asking about the status of the Bike and Pedestrian Committee. It was noted this is not an item on the agenda, so the comment will be accepted but not discussed.

Follow Through: Staff will contact Mr. Smith after the meeting to address his question.

3. Approve Minutes July 11, 2023, Commission Meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / ROSENBERG/WODALSKI TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2023, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: None.

4. New Staff Members Villages of Kronenwetter and Maine

Discussion: Mack mentioned the Village of Maine has hired a new Zoning Administrator who will likely need to join the MPO Technical Advisory Committee. His name is Rich Grefe. The Village of Kronenwetter will have a new Administrator soon, Peter Kempfer and they now have a new Community Development Director, Peter Wegner.

Action: NONE.

Follow Through: None.

5. MPO's Federally Funded Projects – 2014-2023

Discussion: Mueller explained how each table in the packet outlining previous funding was put together. Mack noted that there is a gap in the chart in a cycle where the MPO only received \$25,000 and that money was reallocated to an existing project. Mack also noted he had received a call from Michael Wodalski from the Village of Weston and was notified by them that they did not actually receive the funding from WisDOT for their allocation in the 2017-2022 cycle due to a change from the WisDOT.

Action: NONE

Follow Through: Staff will correct the table and distribute it to the group.

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6. DRAFT 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Discussion: Mack went over the work items included in the new UPWP. Mack went into detail to explain Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (SATO) funding and how it reduces the amount of match from the communities. Mack explained the match breakdown for each community for 2024. Husen asked if the document had already been released for public review. Mack said it was on the MPO website but has not been advertised for public review yet.

Action: **NONE.**

Follow Through: Staff will bring the final version of the UPWP to the Commission for approval next month.

7. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Release

Discussion: Mack explained the DRAFT TIP is going to be sent out to the proper establishments and the public for review. The MPO will also be holding a public meeting on September 28th to review the TIP.

Action: **NONE AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: The DRAFT TIP will be sent out on Friday, September 8, 2023. A finalized document will be presented at the next MPO meeting.

8. Update from the Metro Area Public Water Work Group

Discussion: Robinson mentioned the group had met and discussed various water issues. The group is working on an inventory of vital water infrastructure within the area. They are working with the County GIS staff to get this mapped and made available to the other local communities.

Action: **NONE AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: None.

9. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting Date

Discussion: Mack stated that MPO staff would be at the annual Wisconsin MPO/RPC/WisDOT Conference during the typical date the next MPO Commission meeting is scheduled. Mack proposed to have the next meeting on the 24th of October and to move it up to 1:00PM so it works for other committee members schedules.

Action: **NONE AT THIS TIME.**

Follow Through: Mack will send out an email with this change to the group.

10. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE /ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:31PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: None.

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, MPO Director

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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