



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**Meeting Attendance:** Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, MaKayla Galecki, Stu Carr, Mark Thuot (City of Schofield), Carrie Edmonson (City of Wausau), John Beatty (Village of Rib Mountain), Jami Gebert (Village of Weston), Hooshang Zeyghami (Village of Weston) Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC), Eric Donaldson (Village of Kronenwetter), William Bertram (Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership).

1. Call Meeting to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Aaron Anklam at 1:03 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2025, Bike/Ped Sub-Committee Meeting

**Action: Motion/Second by Zeyghami/Beatty to approve July 23, 2025, MPO Bike/Ped Minutes with correction from Eagle Park to DC Everest Park. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

3. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects

Discussion:

Anklam discussed that three applications were submitted. The MPO does not pick the projects to fund, just recommends to the Wisconsin DOT the rank/priority of the projects based on previous criteria adopted by the MPO. MPO staff will make a recommendation to the MPO Planning Commission on the ranks and the MPO Planning Commission will take action to send final rankings to Wisconsin DOT. The MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be allowed to submit additional comments on the TAP projects to the MPO Planning Commission.

Anklam asked applicants that were present to provide a brief overview of their projects.

Village of Weston: Safety and crossing improvements for a location/intersection near a school and previously identified in a Safe Routes to School plan; also improving access across Camp Phillips Road.

City of Wausau: Multi-use trail section completing another connection in the Wausau Business Campus area.

Village of Rothschild: Off-street multi-use path between Alderson and Volkman; likely will be linked with roadway improvements in the area and connect to other sections of multi-use paths in the area.

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### B. Bike Counters Update

#### Discussion:

Anklam gave an update on where counters have been installed for the fall, noting that they would be picked up in late October or early November and the data shared with municipalities who requested the counts. Miskimins noted that the intention is still to add counters that can count bicycles and/or pedestrians on roadways to the MPO equipment inventory and make them available next year for use.

It was suggested that Strava data could assist in identifying good locations to collect future bicycle data. It was also suggested that a future count on Ross Avenue, when counters are available that discern between bicycles, walkers, and vehicles, would be helpful.

### C. Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Application

#### Discussion:

Galecki presented some background on the Bicycle Friendly Community Application including what was required to apply before and the effort that would be needed to apply again. It was noted that there may not be a lot of new efforts, etc. to add to the application but that it is probably worth re-applying. The MPO staff would take the lead but would need a lot of information and input from the MPO communities.

Suggestions included asking the League of American Bicyclists to pre-vet an application before submitting, contacting successful communities for copies of their applications, and attending the Wisconsin Bike Fed Health Communities Summit in April 23-24, 2026, in Wausau for help, resources, etc.

At the December meeting, MPO staff will bring more application information, including the type of information and help we would like from the MPO communities to complete the application. The deadline is June 17, 2026.

#### Discussion:

### D. MPO Bike Routes & Map Update

#### Discussion:

Galecki, Carr, and Miskimins went over timeline and elements of the bicycle map, timeline to launch, and needs/data/inputs from the MPO Communities. MPO staff need digital or marked-up maps with existing bicycle infrastructure (lanes, separated paths, sharrows) in the next couple of months. Staff will continue to workshop with the group other elements to add to the map, with a goal to have a beta version for review in spring and an updated version for Bike Month in May 2026.

Suggestions and considerations for the map included:

- Looking at the GWPP Bicycle Master Plan that identifies bicycle gaps.
- Identify if/how to display future bicycle projects on the map.

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- Look at Village of Weston data they are collecting on “where do you want bikes.”
- Consider long-term where the map will live as it relates to marketing the region, etc. Look at Bozeman, Montana example.

E. Bicycle Passport

Discussion:

Galecki presented a new initiative idea for next year that would promote bicycling in the MPO region by creating an experience or a challenge that people can take part in. It can be scaled in terms of how it is set-up and how people can participate, but it would be an opportunity to promote active transportation and regional economy and tourism at the same time. Ideally, we would try it out next year along with the launch of an updated Bicycle Map.

The GWPP is also looking into doing something bigger for the region, and we may be able to partner up in that effort. MPO staff will continue to develop and bring back for further consideration.

4. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting Date

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:00pm

B. Future Agenda Items – Bike Map, Bike/Ped Plan Discussion, Fixations Improvements

5. Adjournment

**Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Zeyghami/Edmonson to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee at 2:15p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

Submitted by:  
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