



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 4th, 2025**

Meeting Attendance: Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, MaKayla Galecki, 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), Dave Meurett (Wisconsin Department of Transportation)

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 1:02 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

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

Action: Motion/Second by Zeyghami/Van De Walle to approve October 2, 2025, MPO Bike/Ped Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

3. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Application

Discussion: Galecki gave overview of whole BFC Application, reminding communities the more input we get the better the application will be. The MPO will periodically come back with information requests between now and June to finish the application. The MPO will be seeking input and letters of support from other organizations working on bicycle efforts in the region.

Other communities can still seek their own certification, and it will not hurt the individual community or MPO's application.

Trail Towns' economic data will be forthcoming and could help to inform the application.

Committee members asked how we could encourage or help businesses to seek the Bicycle Friendly Business certification. The application is still substantial, but they only need information about their business.

Possible Follow-Up: Work on materials and information to send to businesses that might be interested in applying for a Bicycle Friendly Business.

B. MPO Bike Routes & Map Update

Discussion: Reminder to share data for your community by January. The MPO will assemble GIS files/layers to share back to you for your community use. There were some questions about distribution of the updated map once ready. The MPO will be asking the MPO communities and partners to assist in distributing the link. Paper maps will not be ready before late next year. The group will discuss locations for distribution of these maps in the future.

C. Community Wide E-bike Ordinance Discussion

Discussion: Anklam shared there is no community/MPO wide ordinance that we know of. Communities are adopting own, sometimes police departments. The City of Wausau has adopted some regulations

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and Rothschild is exploring it. Generally, the group felt consistency across municipalities would be helpful to riders. However, the county does not have authority to adopt an ordinance or regulation for trails and roads not under their jurisdiction. A set of guiding principles, goals, or model ordinance could be developed by this group that could then be shared with the municipalities as an option for adoption.

Follow-Up: The MPO will gather goals or guiding principles from the MPO communities and attempt to bring a collective model ordinance/regulation framework back to the group for further discussion.

D. Bike Share Program

Discussion: The City of Wausau shared they have nine bikes divided over two stations near the River Life Park. Usage has become stagnant. They are transitioning to a sponsorship model but also need to consider expanding it. They have manual bikes but may want to add e-bikes too. Some in the group felt more infrastructure was still necessary before bike share would really take off in the area. Another suggestion was to put near some of the new developments like the Foundry and hotels. The City of Wausau will continue to bring updates back to the group.

E. Bicycle Passport

Discussion: Galecki reviewed the brief in the packet, reminding the group that we would be asking the MPO Planning Commission to endorse the initiative in January. The group asked some questions on data that would be collected. It was explained that most information would be on participation. The MPO will need the communities and Visit Wausau to help with circulating the campaign.

F. Meeting Frequency - next 6 months

Discussion: MPO staff stated there would be no meeting in January but asked the group to tentatively hold February 5, 2026, March 5, 2026, and April 9, 2026, for meetings. The monthly frequency would be to ensure that we have enough time to finish some projects before May of 2026 for bike month.

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, February 5th, 2026, 1:00pm

B. Future Agenda Items – Bike Map, Bike/Ped Plan Discussion, Fixations Improvements; Process for communities to give bicycle input to County Highway Department projects, like that on NN.

5. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Beatty/Donaldson to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee at 2:02p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
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