



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 5th, 2026**

Meeting Attendance: Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, MaKayla Galecki (Wausau MPO Staff); Mark Thuot (City of Schofield), Carrie Edmonson (City of Wausau), John Beatty (Village of Rib Mountain), Audrey Webster (Village of Weston), Hooshang Zeyghami (Village of Weston) Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC), Eric Donaldson (Village of Kronenwetter), William Bertram (Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership), Dave Muerett (WisDOT), Ryan VanDeWalle (Village of Rothschild), Tim Vergara (Village of Rothschild)

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 1:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2025, Bike/Ped Sub-Committee Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Zeyghami to approve December 4, 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 went over the Education section of the Bicycle Friendly Community Application. Many of the questions are related to schools, and we are hoping the municipalities can make those connections with schools to get us the information we are requesting. We are still looking for overview information from communities too. Sending over upcoming events/information is suggested too. At this point we just need a general idea to all the questions we are asking for assistance.

B. Wisconsin Bike Fed. Education Opportunities

Discussion: Galecki gave background about the grant WI Bike Fed received from WisDOT. The grant will allow for the Bike Federation to teach bicycle education classes in Marathon County which will be free for residents. We have tentatively started scheduling from late March through May with the chance for 1-2 additional classes. Classes will include Smart Cycling and a League Cycling Instructor Certification course. We are looking for people interested in becoming LCIs for our community and will send out further information when available. Classes will be on Saturdays, with the LCI being a three-day course. All classes are tentatively scheduled to be held at the Marathon County Lake View Conference Center.

C. Draft E-Bicycle Model Ordinance

Discussion: Anklam recapped the conversation from the previous meeting that led to the idea of collectively working on guidance for what should be included in an ordinance.

How does it compare to state statute? There is no state ordinance, and the guidance from the state is limited and mostly and tells readers to refer to local municipalities for further guidance or rules.

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The group discussed possible changes related to speed, registration, and more clarification on scooters or other classes. Also, consideration for people with disabilities, how will that be viewed in this ordinance was discussed. The two underlying issues remain speed and people riding where they should not.

The question was posed: Is there real interest in adopting across all communities?

The group agreed to go back and talk to public officials about the need and desire to get behind a unified ordinance or best practices.

D. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Update

Discussion: Anklam shared that the MPO had applied for this grant in 2025, however we were notified that our project was not funded in this cycle. The application was good, but the number of applications in this last round was numerous. MPO staff did a debrief with the scoring team and received some pointers for a future application. The MPO intends to reapply in 2026 and will bring the new application back to this group to get some more input and/or data for the next application.

E. City of Schofield – Grand Ave Design

Discussion: Anklam and Thuot reviewed the Schofield project. Including a new design proposal that would widen the area for bicycles. Thuot noted the area for bicycles is proposed to be concrete, but Schofield feels asphalt would be better for cyclists. The DOT explained that the curb design for cyclists is based on what the existing road width allows. Schofield is not going to buy land to expand the width. Other options were reviewed but posed conflicts for stormwater and conflicts at crossings and access points for all modes.

Thuot also reviewed some of the crossings and a need to have well designed areas for cyclists and pedestrians to cross.

Traffic calming ideas were also discussed, but DOT said, based on the ADT being over 20,000, there are not a lot of solutions that will work and keep traffic flowing.

The comment period has tentatively closed, but the DOT stated communities could still continue to comment. Please send comments to Mark Thuot at the City of Schofield.

F. Updated/Comments from Committee Members

Discussion: DOT shared that three communities applied for TAP. The TAP selection committee will meet in late March to make selection recommendations and then it goes to the State for final certification. Announcements should be made in late spring.

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

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

B. Future Agenda Items – TBD. Members are asked to bring items for discussion.

- Bicycle Friendly Community Application
- Bike Mapping Update

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- List of Priority Projects, Status, & New Additions: Can we update the list and discuss projects that promote connectivity.
- E-Bike Ordinance in April

5. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Beatty/Edmonson to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee at 2:08p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
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