



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

Meeting Attendance: Aaron Anklam, MaKayla Galecki (Wausau MPO Staff); Amanda Ostrowski (Marathon County Health Department), Mark Thuot (City of Schofield), Carrie Edmonson (City of Wausau), John Beatty (Village of Rib Mountain), Jamie Gerbert (Village of Weston), Hooshang Zeyghami (Village of Weston) Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC), Eric Donaldson (Village of Kronenwetter), William Bertram (Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership), Ryan VanDeWalle (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 1:05 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Approval of Minutes: February 5, 2026, Bike/Ped Sub-Committee Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by Edmondson/Zeyghami to approve February 5, 2026, MPO Bike/Ped Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

3. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Wausau MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan- Project Discussion

Discussion: The committee reviewed the current project list and discussed completed and planned projects. Anklam noted the plan is due for a major update, as the last full revision occurred in 2014, and requested members identify projects to be included in the update. Members raised concerns regarding municipal awareness of the existing plan and emphasized the need for improved connectivity. Suggestions included establishing project priorities or criteria to assist with future TAP allocations and reviewing other MPO bicycle and pedestrian plans for reference. Clarification was provided that the update would encompass the full plan, not only the project list. The group agreed on the value of developing project criteria, and members were asked to review the list and identify completed or obsolete projects.

B. E-bicycle Model Ordinance

Discussion: Anklam summarized the single edit made in the latest draft and requested community feedback. Rothschild expressed support with no additional comments, while Schofield indicated they were not interested in adopting the ordinance. Edmondson reported strong support from her bicycle and pedestrian group and requested additions such as specifying one-wheels under EMOTOs and clarifying that no driver's license is required. Weston also supported the ordinance and emphasized involving police departments. Rib Mountain preferred aligning with state statutes and improving signage. Anklam noted that support varies by community. Edmondson stated they would proceed regardless, with motions of support noted. Anklam requested Edmondson's list of changes, with further discussion planned for April where the MPO will continue to serve as a discussion platform for the municipalities.

C. Bicycle Map Update

Discussion: Galecki provided an update on the upcoming map, which will include municipal routes, MPO Bike Routes, and off-road cycling facilities. The map will also feature a Bicycle Passport layer

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showing passport stops and available amenities such as bike parking, drinking water, and restrooms. Staff are continuing to work toward release in May for Bike Month. Clarifying questions were posed regarding the passport.

D. Wisconsin Bike Fed, Education Opportunities

Discussion: Galecki reviewed information from the previous meeting and noted that class registration is now available, with links provided in the meeting packet. The committee is awaiting a social media toolkit from the Wisconsin Bike Fed for broader community outreach; this will be distributed via email once received. Members discussed interest in specific courses, including Cycling Without Age, and sought clarification on whether the offerings are free.

E. Updated/Comments from Committee Members

Discussion: Zeyghami notes that Evergreen Elementary built a bike park.

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, April 9, 2026, 1:00pm

B. Future Agenda Items – BFC Application, Bike Month Activities, Bike Map, Pedal Passport, Bike Counters. Members are asked to bring items for discussion.

5. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Beatty/Hooshang to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee at 1:54 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
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