



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Courthouse, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Sandi Cihlar, Chair	x		
John Robinson	x		
Jeff Johnson	x		
Alan Christensen	x		
Richard Gumz	x		
Chris Dickinson	x		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kendra Pergolski, Kevin Lang, Judy Pagryzinski, Jean Maszk, Michael Puerner, Carol Wesley, Randy Fifrick, Eric Lindman, Betty Hoenisch, Jamie Polley, Dale Schimacher, Keith Rausch, Dave Mack, Steve Schneider

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Cihlar at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Judy Pagryzinski of Ringle, representing Rural Riders, addressed the committee requesting that more roads be open to ATV/UTV use in the county as well as extended hours of operation.

Kevin Clint of Stratford expressed support of opening county roads to ATV/UTV use.

Carol Wesley of the Achieve Center, Wausau, approached the committee regarding the 28th Avenue corridor. Wesley stated that she believed that traffic does not justify a new corridor and that the existing roadway needs improvement: sidewalks, crosswalks, bikes lanes.

Jeanne Maszk stated she also received calls of support regarding the ATV/UTV request.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the August 5, 2021, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**
MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2021, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**

A. Review of Right of Way Corridor Along 28th Avenue Potential Sale/Acquisition

Discussion: Dave Mack addressed the committee with details on the implementation of the Local Circulation Plan which included the realignment of the 28th corridor developed in 2002. Mack educated the committee on the "loop" concept in which the plan was designed around. Mack cited that with the traffic changes, said loop never materialized. Committee discussion ensued and it was determined that without the expected development, the corridor/bypass is no longer necessary.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AND STUDY OFFICIAL MAPPING OF AREA AND REPORT BACK TO COMMITTEE WITHIN SIX MONTHS. NO SECOND. MOTION DOES NOT CARRY.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WISH TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF INTENT TO ABANDON PREVIOUS PLAN AND MOVE FORWARD WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF WAUSAU TO DETERMINE NEXT ACTION.

Follow through: N/A

B. Use of ATV/UTV on County Highway System

Discussion: Griesbach provided the committee with a potential new way to open roads in the county which consists of a yearly application and new considerations. Committee members discussed if this new process would be beneficial to riders or more hindering.

Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO OPEN ROADS WITH LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED (1500) TRAFFIC COUNT PER DAY. – MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION BY DICKINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO OPEN ALL ROADS FROM 5AM-12AM WITH A RESTRICTION ON COUNTY ROAD N, X, K & LISTING ON R.—MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION BY DICKINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO GENERATE A MAP OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS (OUTSIDE OF MPO BOUNDARY) BASED ON THE EXHIBIT ILLUSTRATING ROADS OF 1500 CARS OR LESS A DAY AND INCREASING THE HOURS OF OPERATION TO 5AM-12AM . MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: Map to be brought before committee at October meeting for final review in order to move to county board.

C. Broadband Project

Discussion: Steve Schneider of Bugtussle updated the committee with their objectives of installing fiber rings to critical, underserved locations within the county. He touched on the speed of service expected as well as expected grants and funding sources.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO RECOMMEND ENTERING INTO RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO ADVICE FROM BOND COUNSEL AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**

A. 2021 Marathon County Bridge Aid Resolution

Discussion: Lang provided the committee with the proposed projects.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2021 CULVERT/BRIDGE AID. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**

A. Cyber Security Update

Discussion: Dale Schimacher provided the committee with a presentation regarding cyber security including: Optiv and related framework, data security, risk evaluation, asset management, ransomware, ability to rectify if hacked.

B. CCIT Update

Discussion: Report provided.

C. Commissioner's Report

Discussion: Report provided.

D. Camp Phillips/Ross Avenue Intersection Improvement

Discussion: Griesbach updated the committee with the plans to add a round-about to the intersection of Highway X and Ross Avenue in Weston.

7. **Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
October 7, 9:00 AM, Marathon County Courthouse

8. **Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:17 AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on September 9, 2021.