

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
February 26, 2019

Commissioners: John Robinson – Chair, Dave Meurett (for Wickham), Steve Kunst (for Opall), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Robert Mielke, Michael Wodalski (for Ermeling), Gary Olson (for Peterson)

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Eric Lindman

Others Present: Brenda Iczkowski, Tonia Speener

1. Call to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 2:05 p.m. in the Large Conference Room 5, 210 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment – None

4. Approve Minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY KUNST / MIELKE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: Mack stated the TIP needed to be amended to include the Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) funded Wisconsin Automotive and Truck Education Association in Wausau for 2019. The program is associated with the local wheels to work program. The project additions to the TIP will be \$152,824 for both project capital and operating expenses.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY MIELKE / KUNST TO APPROVE #2-19 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff will make the appropriate changes to the TIP and send to WisDOT and FHWA.

6. Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure Targets for 2019

Discussion: Mack stated that in the packet is a resolution identifying performance measure targets for 2019. The commission can create their own targets or the commission can use the WisDOT target measures. The numbers in the resolution are the numbers the DOT is looking at from a state wide perspective. The safety measures are done by February every year with the Freight and Congestion targets to be identified in the fall. The Wausau Area MPO will contribute to accomplish the following target performance measures:

- Number of Fatalities 555.7 annually;
- Rate of Fatalities 0.915 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
- Number of Serious Injuries 2967.6 annually;
- Rate of Serious Injuries 4.785 per million vehicle miles traveled;
- Number of Non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries 342 annually.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY KUNST / MIELKE TO APPROVE #3-19 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2019 PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS WITH A CLARIFICATION OF STATEWIDE NUMBERS INSTEAD OF MARATHON COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff will make the appropriate changes to the UPWP and send to WisDOT and FHWA.

7. Restrictions on Eminent Domain for Bike/Pedestrian Infrastructure Projects

Discussion: Lynch updated the commission that since the last MPO meeting, Senator Risser introduced a bill that calls for full repeal of the law. Senator Roth and Representative Rohrkaste of the Fox Valley area, worked on a compromise solution that ran out of time. They are still interested in pursuing the eminent domain issue but are waiting on the budget bill to see what is included. Lynch met with Wisconsin Active Communities Alliance (WACA), a representative from Trek, an executive of the Bike Fed and

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representative from the Downtown Madison business association group have also been working on the project.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY KUNST / MIELKE TO ADOPT #4-19 RESOLUTION ENDORSING REPEAL OF WISCONSIN STATUE 32.015. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff to send to area legislator, Governor, and municipalities.

8. State Highway 52 Reroute Proposal, City of Wausau

Discussion: Mack stated that changes to the roads that have been introduced to projects in the City of Wausau. In the packet, is a map with a layout of McIndoe and 3rd Streets. The map shows an issue with State Highway 52 and Business Highway 51 in the City of Wausau. Also included was a map with turn movements of some the street corners. Analysis on morning peak travel and evening peak travel for the redesignation showing the difference between the red which is the current route and blue being rerouted with travel times less than a ½ minute. The City of Wausau is doing a traffic study and will send to WisDOT for a decision. Once study comes back from WisDOT in May 2019, the MPO will need to approve the final redesignation.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: Staff to monitor the progress of the study and wait to receive the final proposal from WisDOT.

9. Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Update

Discussion: Lynch provided an update of the Wausau MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee from 2018. The following was shared with the commission:

- Reviewed and offered input to Rib Mountain on their bicycle ordinance update;
- Attended Places 4 Bikes conference in Indianapolis and accepted an award for Best Small City for Biking;
- Attended a workshop in Portland, Oregon;
- Hosted an e-bike demonstration and discussion;
- Created a new signed route connecting the MB trailhead in Weston to Wisconsin River Bridge. Signed in 2019;
- Three TAP projects were funded: Wausau Business Park, Rothschild and Schofield trail, and Safe Routes to School Plan for the Wausau School District.

The upcoming projects for 2019 known currently are: Cycling Without Age Program to start in Spring/Summer and the Bicycle Federation Bike Summit in September/October.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: Staff to inform commission of future updates.

10. Next Meeting – April 9, 2019

Action: **CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED APRIL 9, 2019 AT 2:00 PM.**

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

11. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / MIELKE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:55 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

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April 3, 2019