

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
November 12, 2019

Commissioners: Robert Mielke, Tim Buttke, Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), John Robinson, Michael Wodalski (for Sparks), George Peterson, Mark Thuot (for Hoehn)

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Darryl Landeau

Others Present: Brenda Iczkowski, James Kuehn, Megan Zielke

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 2:00 p.m. in the Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment – NONE

4. Approve Minutes October 8, 2019 meeting

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

5. Metro Area Arterial Corridor and Bridge Planning

Discussion: Robinson shared items part of the Transportation Improvement Program and as part of the 2050 plan for the capital roads is the corridor and bridge planning. Jim Griesbach has asked if the urban corridors could be addressed at the east and west side and the locations of the corridors. Mack handed out a local arterial circulation plan map from 2000. The plan was used to help the WisDOT determine the Highway 29/51 project should be finished. A corridor and bridge study is part of the long range plan and will be included in the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: Staff will include the Metro Area Arterial Corridor and Bridge Planning in the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

6. 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Discussion: Mack handed out changes to the draft 2020-2023 TIP. Since the last meeting, it was noticed that the draft document had some pages missing. Most of the changes were from the performance measures and tables on pages 11-15 in the new document. The following summarizes most of the changes:

- Pavement and Bridge condition performance measures
- Federal language was added into the document.
- Freight movement and congestion mitigation
- Travel time reliability and new formulas with explanation
- Transit asset management.
- New explanation of the STBG criteria options.
- Table 1 had a list of changes that was either adding or moving items.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / MIELKE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #10-19 ADOPTING THE 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA WITH ANY NOTED CHANGES AS DISCUSSED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

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

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7. 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Discussion: At the last meeting the draft 2020 Unified Planning Work Program was distributed for review. Mack summarized page 2 of the draft is a short list of projects that will be done this upcoming year. Highlighted is the Public Participation Plan, building a new website for the Wausau Area MPO, compliance issues with federal regulation, performance measures will be tracked to be put in the document next year, working with the county on 85.21 Elderly and Transportation fund and hiring regional planning for the Needs Assessment, the TIP, UPWP and review of the current bylaws and its relationship with the county.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / THUOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #11-19 ADOPTING THE 2020-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE BRIDGE AND CORRIDOR STUDY. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

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

8. Surface Transportation Program-Block Grant Project Selection

Discussion: Lynch updated the committee on the scoring that the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed today. The funding was discussed with the City of Wausau at 70% funding would take \$2.7 million of the \$3.1 million of the fund, which leaves about \$400,000. The TAC is waiting to hear when the MLS funding will be awarded and staff was asked to contact WisDOT to find out if Wausau would be getting the funding as the funding would change the outcome of the STPB funding.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: Staff to contact DOT for MLS funding.

9. Discussion on Issues for Future Meetings

Discussion: Dig Once policy

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: Staff to inform commission of future updates.

10. Next Meeting – December 10, 2019

Action: THIS MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL SCHEDULE THIS MEETING

11. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY RHODEN / WODALSKI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:45 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

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Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

December 4, 2019