

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
AMENDED AGENDA

OCTOBER 12, 2021
2:00 P.M.

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
210 RIVER DR., WAUSAU, WI

Members: John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice Chair, Allan Opall, Betty Hoenisch, Steve Hagman, Katie Rosenberg, Tim Buttke, Matt Lee Baer, Milton Olson, Chris Voll, Mark Maloney, Brent Jacobson, Kregg Hoehn, Ken Wickham

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER;
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS;
3. PUBLIC COMMENT;

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING;
5. 2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) APPROVAL;
6. DRAFT 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP);
7. **DIG ONCE POLICY;**
8. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE;
9. MARATHON COUNTY UNIVERCITY PROJECTS UPDATE;
10. NEXT MEETING DATE – NOVEMBER 9, 2021;
11. ADJOURN.

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SIGNED _____
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE



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Minutes
September 14, 2021

Meeting Attendance: John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice-Chair, Katie Rosenberg, Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Tim Buttke, Michael Wodalski (for Maloney), Keith Rusch, Betty Hoenisch, Jared Wehner (for Opall), Brad Sippl, Milton Olson, Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, David Meurett, Darryl Landeau, Greg Seubert,
Others Present: Richard Austin, Tony Morice, Guy Fredal, Will Harris

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. at 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.
2. Welcome and Introductions
All were welcomed and introductions were made.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Approve Minutes August 10, 2021 meeting
Action: MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / ROSENBERG TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 10, 2021 MINUTES.
MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.
5. Kowalski Interchange Update
Discussion: Fifrick briefly updated the Commission on the Kowalski Interchange located in the Village of Kronenwetter. Included in the packet was a map showing the interchange area and where the nearest interchange is located. The Village of Kronenwetter recently approved to move forward with the economic impact study results that North Central Regional Planning conducted. The scope of services will include collecting data from a 25-mile radius and identifying the impact of the possible transportation project on the region. The study should be ready for presentation in October/November.
Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.
Follow Through: None at this time.
6. 28th Avenue Project
Discussion: Mack updated the commission on the 28th Avenue project. This project has been around since 2000 when the Local Arterial Circulation Plan was created. Located at the Northwest side of the City of Wausau by Aspirus Hospital and going north up the steep hill into the Village of Maine. The county has been acquiring land over the last 20 years in this corridor. The County Infrastructure Committee expressed their intent is to discontinue with the county's involvement in the corridor as a county highway but wants discussion with the Village of Maine and City of Wausau to take place on the future of the corridor.
Action: None at this time.
Follow Through: MPO staff will facilitate the meeting with County, Village of Maine, and City of Wausau officials.
7. Draft 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Discussion: In the packet is a link to the draft Unified Planning Work Program. Mack shared the budget is the same as it was for 2021 being at \$168,000 from Federal Highway \$8,700 from WisDOT and local of \$32,000. In the future, there will be a re-evaluation on the percentages based the census

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which is done every 10 years. Mack highlighted the UPWP summary list of identified projects and briefly reviewed the document with the commission.

Action: None at this time.

Follow Through: Staff will update the draft as directed by the commission and bring a final version to the next meeting.

8. Communities use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Discussion: Robinson shared the processes that are taking place with the local communities on use of the ARPA funds. The City of Wausau recently had a meeting along with the county having 3 meetings in the Towns of Wausau, Edgar, and Village of Hatley. Included in the packet is feedback from the public engagement as part of the ARPA funds and a brief example were given: Broadband, Childcare, Economic Development, Fiscal Impacts, Health, Housing, Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Public Safety and Utilities.

Action: None at this time.

Follow Through: Staff will continue to keep the Commission updated on the use of these funds.

9. County Broadband Task Force Update

Discussion: Robinson recalled at the last meeting, there was discussion on where the grant applications are currently with the County's Broadband efforts. Bug Tussel is looking at a fixed wireless with a fiber backbone; Charter Communication has a project that would serve mostly the eastern part of the county but would get into Kronenwetter, Weston, and Wausau area; Frontier has submitted for the Marshfield area, Town of Texas and Town of Hamburg; and Cirrinity, working with Wittenberg Telephone, has proposed projects in the Mayfair and Norrie Lake areas in the eastern part of the county.

Action: None at this time.

Follow Through: Staff will continue to update the commission on the progress of the projects.

10. Next Meeting Date: October 12, 2021 at 2 PM, in the Large Conference Room at 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI and Webex.

11. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / FIFRICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:48 PM. MOTION CARRIES.**

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, MPO Director

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI



UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM - FINAL

Can be found here:

https://wausaumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2022_Wausau_MPO_UPWP_Final.pdf

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - DRAFT

Can be found here:

<https://wausaumpo.org/plans-documents/transportation-improvement-program-tip/>