MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – October 9, 2014

Members: Phil Valitchka (Chair), Dennis Helke, Andrew Plath, Aaron Ruff, Dave Meurett, Judy Burrows, Destinee Coehen, Jolie Wood
Staff: Dave Mack, Preston Vande Voort

1. Call to Order.
Meeting was called to order by Valitchka at 6:33 pm.

2. Welcome and Introductions.

3. Approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2014 Meeting.
Motion/second by Plath/Burrows to approve the August 21, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

4. Grand Avenue Project Celebration
The committee discussed having some form of ride established to help educate the public on what the sharrows are and how to use them. Ruff contacted Mayor Tipple and scheduled a group ride for Friday, October 24, at 11:30 a.m. from Kent Street to Wausau City Hall.

5. Bike/Pedestrian Plan
The Toole Design Group (TDG) was in town September 3 and 4 to inventory the existing roadway network. Ruff and VandeVoort guided the Toole guys on bikes to complete some of the work. TDG has continued to emphasize the use of the online mapping tool (Wikimaps) to submit comments online for the plan. Wikimaps can be found on the www.bicyclewausau.org website. TDG will begin their stakeholder interviews in November.

6. Community Updates
   - Helke indicated that he was meeting with the Village of Rothschild to discuss common trail ideas between the communities, and that the pavement under STH 29 at both the CTH J and CTH Q interchanges have some large potholes that should be addressed.
   - Plath said he has contacted the City of Wausau and Village of Weston on installing permanent flashing speed signs at the community border along Northwestern Avenue. He also mentioned the Mountain Bay Trail had a record number of users this year.
   - Coehen discussed the SRTS program in Wausau and that GD Jones was continuing to have good success with their kids and the walking school bus. She mentioned giving a presentation to the Wausau School Board to educate them on the SRTS program and that Weston elementary school is starting a SRTS program for the first time.
   - Burrows indicated that the County Health Dept. is in line to receive a $1.5 million grant with some of the money targeting active living and strategies for combating obesity in the area.
   - Meurett said that Grand Ave. is complete and that the CTH U/K USH 51 project will be done before Thanksgiving. That project also includes a multi-use path through the North Central Technical College campus and into the interchange area.
   - Ruff said the City of Wausau was purchasing more bike racks fashioned after the designs of last year’s contest, and that special events in Wausau will have a bike parking component to the permitting process.

7. Next Meeting Date – November 13, 2014 at 6:30 PM

8. Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Submitted by: David Mack, Planning & Regulatory Program Manager/Transportation Planner
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