MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – July 30, 2015

Members: Judy Burrows, Andrew Plath, Aaron Ruff, Dave Meurett, Dennis Helke
Staff: Dave Mack, Preston Vande Voort, Andy Lynch
Others: Adam Wood – Toole Design

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by Burrows at 6:38 pm.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2015 Meetings
Motion/second by RUFF/HELKE to approve the meeting minutes from the May 28, 2015 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. Draft Bike/Pedestrian Plan Public Meeting Review

5. Draft Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan
These two agenda items were discussed jointly. Mack reported that, in spite of hopes for large public participation, only eight people attended the Public Information Meeting for the Bike/Pedestrian Plan. Despite few attendees useful comments were obtained. Wood gave a short overview of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Wausau Metropolitan Area, and explained the differences between original draft and the additions to the plan. The appendices contained most of the additions to provide more detail to the main body of the document. Motion/second by PLATH/RUFF to accept the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and begin a month long review process beginning with the Public Information Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. The final plan will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting for approval and submission to the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission for approval at the Commission’s September meeting.

6. Bicycle Counting Program;
Ruff explained the past program and how counts were taken. Volunteers went to key locations identified in the area and took observations of bike and pedestrian activities. This approach will be examined again. Ruff and Lynch agreed to coordinate the volunteer efforts.

7. Maintenance on State and County Roads;
Helke requested an explanation of how the State and County maintains the roadways segments underneath the freeway bridges as the areas between Weston Avenue and Schofield Avenue on CTH J and from Weston Avenue to Ringle Road on CTH Q have very bad pavement for bicycle riding. How do these get fixed? Meurett mentioned that WisDOT is in charge of maintaining those areas and will be looking at these areas throughout the region.

8. Community Updates and future Events;
- Ruff will take the lead on submitting the application to the League of American Bicyclists for the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation with help from Mack and Lynch.
- Meurett explained that the CTH U & K interchange is complete, the bike/ped. path in Kronenwetter on Old 51 is underway, and described the bike/ped. facilities in the I39/Bus 51 interchange area in Rothschild.
- Helke reported the Wausau Wheelers Club has grown this year by about 40 members, the club is looking at special rides for women, and they are involved rides for the Honor Fight and Irish Fest.

9. Next Meeting Date – August 27, 2015 at 6:30 PM

8. Adjourn
Motion/second by PLATH/HELKE to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by:
David Mack
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