MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – October 22, 2015

Members: Phil Valitchka, Chair, Judy Burrows, Vice-Chair, Aaron Ruff, John Beatty, Andrew Plath, 
Staff: Dave Mack, Andy Lynch

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Valitchka at 6:30 pm.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2015 Meetings
No action taken. Minutes will be available for approval at the next meeting.

4. Committee Leaders and Succession
Valitchka discussed the results of a planning session on succession and suggested a reorganization of the committee based on the 5E’s to focus on implementation of the bicycle plan. A facilitated meeting is proposed for January to develop the structure and recruit members to the committee. At this time it is likely Valitchka would resign from committee chair position. Discussion was supportive of this idea and staff was directed to organize and promote the summit in January to be as inclusive of the community as possible.

5. 2016 Action Plan
Lynch notes that much of this item would be eclipsed by a January summit and planning session. Ruff suggested a Health Department staff member that could help create a work plan to help define role. Valitchka suggested an action plan be created and comment obtained during the summit, this would be dependent on the staff availability.

6. Community Updates and Future Events
Beatty announced the installation of the Bike Fixation in Rib Mountain and notes some issues with the shelter height due to zoning. Location of an additional shelter and Fixation was discussed with Koucerk near his property in Rib Mountain.

Lynch: presentation of the Bike Plan at the MPO Directors Conference to discuss the use of the Stress Index to evaluate roads and infrastructure. Details initial ideas on Open Streets events and planning.

Ruff: Sylvan Hill mountain bike plan was approved by Parks Department, public meeting on the 28th. Community Foundation is involved by administering funds. Ringle Landfill trails are also under consideration.

Plath: Discussion with Wausau about new Riverside trails and design for Stewart Ave.

7. Items for Next Agenda
Items for 2016 Action Plan
Strategies for developing the January planning summit

8. Next Meeting Date – December 10, 2015

9. Adjourn
Motion/second by Valitchka to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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