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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA
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COUNTRY OF MARATHON
WAUSAU, WI 54403

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION’S
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUB-COMMITTEE

FEbruary 23, 2017
5:30 P.M.

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI

Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)

Commission Purpose: The Commission shall be concerned with studies and recommendations relating to activities including but not limited to land-use; natural resources; utilities; and transportation systems within the metropolitan planning area. (Commission Bylaws last updated: 1-24-12)

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER;
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS;
3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2017 MEETING;
4. EAU CLAIRE CONSERVANCY TRAIL PROJECT
5. NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (NCWRPC) REGIONAL BIKE PLAN
6. NEXT STEPS FOR SCHOFIELD GRAND AVE
7. SUB-COMMITTEE FOR BIKE MONTH ACTIVITIES
8. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN;
9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:
10. NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 23, 2017;
11. ADJOURN.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairperson BURROWS at 5:30pm.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2016 MEETING
Motion/second by BEATTY/HELKE to approve the October 27, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS
LYNCH presented the results of the member survey emailed in December which was designed to gauge interest in new meeting time and direction of the committee.
- Meeting time: 5:30 pm was chosen to allow for advocates as well as staff to attend.
- The meeting frequency: chosen combined Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb; June, July, and August are on an as needed basis.
- WOLDALSKI pointed out the scheduling for budget items is often during the summer. BURROWS suggested that before summer the communities could be notified that the B/P committee is available to review plans as needed.
- A even split on the areas of focus. Good results were seen on the involvement with sub-committees.
- Three respondents were looking for a leadership position in the committee but they were not regular attendees. LYNCH will contact these individuals for further comments. Overall, the survey suggests committee members are willing to be involved and active.

5. REPORT ON GRAND AVE SHARROWS IN SCHOFIELD
LYNCH reported that THUOT had discussed the issue Schofield’s city council; the council did not provide any direction. LYNCH suggested this would be an opportunity to educate the city council on the benefits of allowing bikes on the street. MPO staff will check with THUOT on the appropriate steps. It was suggested that a Schofield resident be involved to provide local testimony. SIPPEL reports that North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) is writing the Schofield outdoor recreation plan and will have survey results to share at the next meeting.

6. 2017 PROJECTS AND EVENTS
LYNCH presented an online map that highlighted Bike/Pedestrian projects programmed for the 2017 year in the regional Transportation Improvement Plan. Projects discussed include the Mosinee Riverwoods Trail (completed), Old Highway 51 Trail in Kronenwetter, two sections of Rib Mountain Drive for road work, sidewalk additions, and crossing enhancements, construction around the Camp Phillips and Weston intersection, construction on County K from US 51 to the county line for three years may impact bike routes. HELKE read a statement from Kronenwetter on the Old Hwy 51 trail that noted the high construction estimates would likely delay the start. Map will be updated as projects are announced.
7. **MOUNTAIN BAY TRAIL TO RIB MOUNTAIN CONNECTION**

LYNCH proposed a sub-committee to find a street link between the Mountain Bay Trail trailhead to the Rothschild bridge. This would be used as a short term route until plans for off street trails come into fruition. The current MPO bike routes follow Weston Ave which may not be very comfortable for all users. The committee will need to find the friendliest route for a wide range of abilities. No timeline is attached to the project. RUFF, WOLDALSKI, PLATH volunteered. Rothschild’s representative, Tim Vegara, will be contacted.

8. **COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS**

- Kronenwetter: Bike for Health event has been approved for another year. New bike signs were placed on the local routes.
- Rib Mountain: New bike route signs are installed. Town is looking for solutions to the 51/29 tunnel graffiti. Noted similar issues with the tunnels and bridges in Rothschild and wants to investigate possibilities on creating murals. Needs MPO help to determine jurisdiction and partners.
- Wausau/Mtn Bay Trail: Noted the recently approved mountain bike trails in Ringle will be located just off the Mountain Bay trail near the landfill.
- Weston: The village has been dealing with installing sidewalks throughout the village and some of the negative responses.
- Safe Kids: During the Children’s Festival this year Safe Kids will be selling bike helmets of all sizes.
- NCWRPC: Still working on the regional bike plan but hampered by the low survey response. Can present plan elements and survey at the next MPO B/P meeting. Will notify of any future regional meetings.
- MPO: Open Streets is set for May 21st in Wausau. First funding goal is complete and detailed planning will commence in February.

9. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Jurisdiction and partnerships for tunnel murals
- Information on Schofield sharrows
- NCWRPC regional survey
- Eau Claire conservancy trails project

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

11. **ADJOURN**

Motion/second by BEATTY/RUFF to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by:
David Mack
Program Manager/MPO Director
Marathon County
Conservation, Planning and Zoning/Wausau MPO
Andy,

Last week, Scott Turner from Rib Mountain also asked about the jurisdiction of the bike/pedestrian tunnel under USH 51. On Monday, I found a memorandum of understanding document for the USH 51/STH 29 Corridor Project that was signed by the State, County, and Town of Rib Mountain in 2003. The jurisdiction and maintenance responsibilities for the USH 51 bike/pedestrian tunnel are mentioned within this document. The state has the jurisdiction over the tunnel and structural maintenance responsibilities for the facility. The Town has routine maintenance responsibilities for the tunnel and trail approaches to the tunnel, including snow and ice removal and sweeping. The County has maintenance responsibility for the tunnel’s lighting and pays for the electricity costs for the lighting.

Because the tunnel is under the state’s jurisdiction and located within our highway right-of-way, the Town or County would need to get a work-on right-of-way permit from us for painting murals on the tunnel walls. I talked to our bridge engineer and he feels painting murals on the walls will likely not stop people from painting graffiti on the walls. Also, if graffiti is painted on the murals, it will cost the town/county more to remove. Plus, the murals would need to be repainted. He suggests the town/county repaint the walls with anti-graffiti paint. This type of paint costs more; however, it makes removing graffiti easier. I believe anti-graffiti paint was used on the walls along the trail under the new Bus 51 Cedar Creeks bridge. This morning I was going to ask the project manager for the Bus 51 Cedar Creek bridge project about the paint used on the walls; however, she is out of the office until tomorrow morning.

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