Official Notice and Agenda
of a meeting of the County Board, Committee, Agency, Corporation or Sub-Unit thereof,

Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission’s Bicyclist and Pedestrian Sub-Committee

March 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 February 23, 2017 Meeting;
4. Mountain Bay on Street Trail Committee Update;
5. Educational: Fort Collins Bicycle Friendly Driver Certification;
6. Community Updates and Areas of Concern;
7. Items for the Next Agenda;
8. Next Meeting Date – April 27, 2017;

*NCWRPC will be holding a public input meeting for their Regional Bike Plan at 6:30pm in the same room; Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk’s Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

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PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:
By: County Clerk
Date: ________________________________
Time: ________________________________ a.m/p.m.
1. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order by Vice-chairperson BURROWS at 5:30pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF (JANUARY 27, 2017) MEETING  
Motion/second by PLATH/BEATTY to approve the meeting minutes from the January 27, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. EAU CLAIRE CONSERVANCY TRAIL PROJECT  
LYNCH introduced DAN HIGGINBOTHAM to discuss the potential for a paved trail on his property near Camp Sturtevant on Northwestern Avenue. This area would serve as a connection point for trails from Wausau, Schofield, and Weston. Timeline and wetland areas on the HIGGINBOTHAM property could make that route more challenging. An alignment along Northwestern Ave would have fewer issues but must wait on Northwestern reconstruction by the Village and Town of Weston. THUOT discussed possible bridge options from Schofield across the Eau Claire River to meet the trail and then cross under the railroad bridge. Wausau trails would continue from that point north to WAOW property and Kent Street. HIGGINBOTHAM asked about next steps. LYNCH suggested he continue to talk with local officials about this project and to build support. TAP funds were discussed as a possible funding solution as well as the timeline limitations that would incur.

5. NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (NCWRPC) REGIONAL BIKE PLAN  
SIPPEL from NCWRPC presented the scope and goals behind the Regional Bike Plan currently in development. By using public input from a survey, interactive map, and public info sessions, routes will be developed to connect the region. Recommendations will center around general principles a community can follow to improve their walking and biking environments. October is the projected plan adoption time.

6. NEXT STEPS FOR SCHOFIELD GRAND AVE  
LYNCH asked THUOT to discuss the issue of sidewalk biking on Grand Avenue (US Bus 51) in Schofield and how the Schofield city board received the idea. THUOT reported that the city board seemed unmoved toward changing the ordinance. Discussion at the previous Bike/Ped meeting centered on preparing an educational piece for the board that would highlight issues with sidewalk riding in Schofield. LYNCH suggested it might be better to wait until the weather improved and produce a video on dangerous interactions and conditions. The committee suggested that Schofield residents be involved with this effort and provide local testimony.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE FOR BIKE MONTH ACTIVITIES  
LYNCH requested members for a subcommittee to coordinate Bike Month activities ahead of May. This would involve researching and publishing a calendar/list of events, some promotion, as well as creating and administering any new events the committee desired. HELKE and RUFF offered their help with this group but more members are needed.

8. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS  
Kronenwetter: Continuing to monitor updates on the Old Hwy 51 trail.  
Aspirus: Bike to School Day is set for May 10th. Working with Riverview and Hawthorn Hills Elementary Schools.  
Wausau: River’s Edge trail extension is well used during the warmer days and very impressive.
Rib Mountain: Trillium trail project has yet to bid.
MPO: Open Streets is progressing well. Email from Dave Meurett of WisDOT clarified jurisdiction over the 51/29 tunnel in Rib Mountain. Pavement at County Road J and Hwy 29 is noted as poor condition and waiting on WisDOT to determine timeline. County Highway Department has expressed interest in adding a paved shoulder on County Road K from Hillcrest Dr to 44th Ave.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 23, 2017

11. ADJOURN
   Motion/second by BEATTY/NOWACZYK to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by:
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