OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA
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COUNTY OF MARATHON
WAUSAU, WI 54403

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

January 25, 2018
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

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING
4. AMENDMENTS TO THE WAUSAU MPO 2015 BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN
5. BIKE FEDERATION COURSES FOR 2018
6. LETTER OF SUPPORT CITY OF WAUSAU THOMAS STREET PROJECT
7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN
8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA
9. NEXT MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 22, 2018
10. ADJOURN

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.

SIGNED
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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FAXED TO: CenterState Marketplace – 446-2370
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FAX DATE: 01/22/2018
FAX TIME: 12:15 P.M
FAX BY/DATE/TIME: ____________________________
1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Meeting called to order by Chairperson NOWACZYK at 5:30 pm

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

3. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF (AUGUST 24, 2017) MEETING**  
Motion/second by BEATTY/MULLALY to approve the meeting minutes from the August 24 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF (SEPTEMBER 28, 2017) MEETING**  
Motion/second by BEATTY/MULLALY to approve the meeting minutes from the September 28 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

5. **BIKE PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES**  
LYNCH presented a list of priority projects from the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. Arrows indicated projects that were listed in the MPO TIP document or was otherwise planned for in the near future. There is also a list of projects in the TIP that may influence biking in the area, for example the re-decking of the WW Bridge in Brokaw. ZEYGHAMI noted the Corzalla Drive project for extending the Mountain Bay trail in Weston was not on the list and should be included.

6. **LOCAL BICYCLE ORDINANCES**  
Continuing the conversation from the previous meeting, local bicycle ordinances were discussed in more detail. LYNCH showed several examples of Rib Mountain ordinances that may not follow state law. BEATTY reported that a Rib Mountain intern had prepared a report on this item but it had not yet been taken up by administration. Following directions from MULLALY to standardize ordinances across the metro area the bicycle registration was discussed. LYNCH presented the idea of having local municipalities use the National Bike Registry, a free national service to register a bicycle and provide that information to law enforcement to aid in the recovery of stolen bikes.

7. **2017 COUNTER DATA**  
Bicycle and pedestrian counts from the infrared counters positioned at five locations around the metro area was discussed. Data from 2016 and 2017 was compared and discussed. The Birch Street bridge counter suffered an unknown malfunction throughout most of the summer and would account for the very high numbers recorded. LYNCH stated the Birch Street counter could be corrected by removing the days with counts above a normal level. Drops in numbers for the year could be attributed to the heavy rainfall in May and the early cold in October compared to 2016.

8. **BIKE FEDERATION COURSES FOR 2018**  
Follow up from the previous meeting. LYNCH contacted the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin to schedule an instructor to teach bicycle and driver safety courses in Wausau for 2018. The Bike Fed was interested in mid-April and teaching as many courses as possible in a day. After discussion, BEATTY suggested a morning course for school bus drivers, mid-morning or lunch
session for seniors, and an evening class for adults. HELKE suggested that media for the events should begin in February with sign ups so an accurate number can be gauged. LYNCH did mention that the April date may be pushed to May due to other projects scheduled at that time.

9. SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR
Meeting schedule for next year was presented to committee members. Also included were important dates for MPO documents and potential dates for events. Committee members are encouraged to notify LYNCH of any additions for calendar.

10. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS
Wausau Wheelers: HELKE reported the Wheelers celebrated a 40,000 mile year.
Kronenwetter: HELKE reported that Kowalski Road now connects with Pleasant Road. HELKE reported frustration with the Old Hwy 51 trail project and would be interested to discuss next steps.
Village of Maine: The village is dealing with further financial issues related to Brokaw.
Weston: ZEYGHAMI showed the committee a sign he saw on a recent trip to Salt Lake City. It served as a warning to both pedestrians and drivers at crosswalks.
CWOCC: Raising funds for building trails at Ringle. First phase is funded up to $50,000 and contractor will build 5 miles of trail in 2018.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

12. NEXT MEETING DATE – JANUARY 25, 2018

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

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