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 MARCH 22, 2018 MEETING
4. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT SCORING UPDATE
5. BIKE MONTH ACTIVITIES – MAY 2018
6. BIKE FEDERATION COURSES FOR 2018
7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN
8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA
9. NEXT MEETING DATE – MAY 24, 2018
10. ADJOURN

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

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2018 MEETING
   Motion/second by THOUT/BEATTY to approve the meeting minutes from the January 25 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEW
   LYNCH explained the process for this grant program. The committee was asked to provide their impressions and thoughts on the use and impact of the projects in the metro area and bike system. The combined Rothschild and Schofield project was well received by the group and the connections between communities and existing infrastructure was highlighted. The two Wausau Business Park trails were discussed and concerns were raised on their utility within the current network. The Wausau Safe Routes To School plan was recognized as an important and necessary document.

5. RIB MOUNTAIN BICYCLE ORDINANCE UPDATE
   The committee reviewed the proposed Rib Mountain Bicycle ordinance updates. NOWACZYK found a discrepancy in the language regarding tail lights that was different than state law. Overall, the ordinances were reasonable and in line with state law. The committee felt this would likely be a good example for other communities to follow.

6. BIKE FEDERATION COURSES FOR 2018
   RUFF reported that the Wausau and Everest School Districts were unable to accommodate an assembly for a bike safety course due to the number of snow days the districts were already dealing with. LYNCH reported that Metro Ride bus operator training was usually done in shifts over three days and was unlikely to work. LYNCH would continue to investigate options but it seemed likely that classes in April would not work and need to be postponed to May or June. LYNCH would coordinate with the Bike Federation instructor.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS
   Rib Mountain: BEATTY reports the Kocourek dealership will install a shelter along the 51/29 trail this year. This can also be paired with one of the Fix-It stations the County has available.

   Wheelers: Spring Meeting April 18 at Weston Lanes. Working with the Aspirus YMCA to build a shelter at the Weston location to facilitate regular Wheelers rides as well as other events. Also looking for new ride leaders for rides that will not originate at the Weston YMCA.

   Rothschild: Cedar Creek Bridge is in place. Will likely not be open until the approaches are paved. It is currently a construction zone and should be avoided. The Military Road project is still expected for 2018.

   Wausau: Working with NTC to manufacture more bike racks. PLATH reports the unused spur
of rail line near the Thomas St bridge is could be for sale. The Parks department is working on acquiring it.

CWOCC: Bid accepted for the construction of trails at the Marathon County landfill site in Ringle. This system will have 11 miles and expected to be ready to ride in September.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA
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   Motion/second by RUFF/BEATY to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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