MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes – December 8, 2015

Members: Dave Mack, Keith Donner, Eric Lindman, Brad Lenz, Jeff Gates, Dave Meurett, Tim Vergara, Kevin Lang (for Griesbach), Mark Thuot, Steve Knust (for Rhoden), Randy Fifrick

Others: Andrew Lynch, Tonia Speener

1. Call to Order / Introductions
   The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was in room 2, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Approve Minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting
   Action: MOTION / SECOND BY LENZ / FIFRICK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2015 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

   Discussion: In 2013 the Commission allocated approximately $3.1 million in STP-Urban funds to six projects, one of which was the Village of Kronenwetter’s Old Highway 51 project. The village recently decided not to accept the $369,900 in federal funds in part due to federal “red tape” and the possibility that the village may be able to do the project without these funds. These are 2013-2018 STP-Urban funds and projects must be completed by 2020. Options presented were:
   - Take new applications that would be ranked using the established criteria
   - Allocate the funds to any of the remaining 5 projects as long as the 80%-20% federal match is maintained
   - Reconsider a project that was originally submitted but not ranked – city of Wausau Bridge Street, Westwood Drive to 28th Ave
   - Split the $369,000 evenly between all ranked projects.

   In the 2015-2020 cycle the MPO received $25,000. These funds were allocated to the city of Schofield’s West Grand Avenue project as this project was not funded at the MPO’s 50%-50% split. Even with these additional funds, this project was not at the 50%-50% level. Discussion points:
   - Wausau withdrew the Bridge Street project before it was ranked
   - It seemed reasonable to allocate the funds to Schofield’s project as it would still be below the 50%-50% split
   - Background on the 50%-50% split as opposed to the federally required 80%-20% split
     - Allows these funds to be spread among more projects
     - Federal requirements include projects must be on functionally classified roads, and have more than $100,000 in construction costs and $50,000 in design costs
   - Do not introduce any new project
   - The 2017-2022 cycle may be back to a larger allocation of funds.

   Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / DONNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION THAT THE $369,900 IN STP-URBAN FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF SCHOFIELD’S WEST GRAND AVENUE PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

   Follow Through: Recommend to the Planning Commission that the 2015-2018 STP-Urban funds to be reallocated as discussed and WisDOT-Madison informed.

4. Next Meeting Date – To Be Determined.

5. Adjourn
   There being no further business, MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / VERGARA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 1:30 PM. MOTION CARRIED VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Submitted by:
Rebecca Frisch, Director
Conservation, Planning and Zoning
December 21, 2015

ljs