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 December 8, 2015 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / FIFRICK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.


Discussion: Background on this issue was provided. Since the last meeting discussions have been held with Schofield’s engineering firm, Schofield staff, and WisDOT. As a result, more accurate project costs have been obtained by MPO staff. Schofield’s total project cost is now at $1,100,793, 50% of which would be $550,396. Currently, Schofield is to receive $514,757, funding would still be less than 50%. It was suggested that Schofield be allocated an additional $35,639 to raise it to the 50% level. Concurrence was reached at the December meeting to not accept any new projects. Options presented to reallocate $333,961 ($369,900-$35,639):

- Allocate $66,792 to all of the projects
- Allocate the funds on a percentage basis – 5.9% to the top 4 projects and 5.85% to the Schofield project as it was the lowest ranked project.

Discussion points:
- Assurance given that none of the projects had ineligible costs in their applications
- These funds cannot be carried over to the next cycle.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY DONNER / GATE TO RECOMMEND TO THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION THAT THE VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER’S $369,600 2013-18 STP-URBAN ALLOCATION BE REALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: $35,639 TO THE CITY OF SCHOFIELD’S WEST GRAND AVENUE PROJECT SPLITTING THE REMAINING $333,961 ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS – 5.9% TO THE 4 TOP RANKED PROJECTS AND 5.85% TO THE CITY OF SCHOFIELD’S WEST GRAND AVENUE PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: This recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its consideration.

4. 2016 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan

A. Goals and Objectives

Discussion: The Goals and Objectives from the 2011 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) were included in the meeting packet and briefly reviewed. Efforts will be taken to ensure that the Goals and Objectives are compatible with the County’s and the municipalities’ comprehensive plans. Input regarding these Goals and Objectives was requested.

- Goal #2 – change to read “…to minimize the undesirable Social and Environmental…”
- Goal #3 – change to read “…Movement of People, Goods and Services.”
- Any additional changes, suggestions, new ideas should be forwarded to MPO staff
- The federal legislation should be reviewed for its guiding principles.

B. Level of Services Maps

Discussion: The Level of Services (LOS) map were included in the meeting packet and reviewed. How WisDOT’s model is run was discussed as some areas that were congested in the last plan are not on the LOS map; some 2010 congested sites might have been caused by the US51/I39 construction project. WisDOT Central Office is looking for input to provide a “reality check” on the map. WisDOT will be doing traffic counts in Marathon County during 2016. Need to ensure that current, site specific counts are included in the model.
C. Communities Future Road Projects
Discussion: As the timeframe for this plan goes out to 2050 the communities were asked to submit possible “grand ideas” for road projects that could be a metro-wide project of significance over the next 40 years along with projects from their respective communities.

D. Project Timeline
Discussion: The project timeline was included in the meeting packet and reviewed. The final adoption date for this plan is September 13, 2016. Portions of the plan will be distributed to the TAC as they are completed. It is anticipated that this plan will focus more on maintenance and development of multi-modal transportation rather than on capacity expansion project.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, NO ACTION NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

Follow Through: Any suggested changes to the Goals and Objectives are to be sent to MPO staff. An explanation of the model’s coding, criteria, and datasets will be provided at the February meeting. TAC members are to send future road projects, including “grand ideas” to MPO staff as soon as possible.

5. Next Meeting Date – To Be Determined
By consensus, the next meeting will be scheduled for February 9 and may possibly be a joint meeting with the Commission.

Follow Through: THIS MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 9.

6. Adjourn
There being no further business, MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / FIFRICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:00 PM. MOTION CARRIED VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

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