

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUB-COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

February 28, 2019
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: 12-18)*

AGENDA ITEMS:

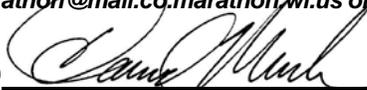
1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2019 MEETING
4. UPDATE ON EMINENT DOMAIN LAW
5. BIKE FEDERATION 2019 SUMMIT IN WAUSAU METRO AREA
6. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN
7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
8. NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 28, 2019
9. 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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MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – January 24, 2019

Members: Hooshang Zeyghami, Vice-Chair, Aaron Ruff, John Beatty, Mark Thout, Tom Mullaly, Brad Sippel, Halle Veenstra
Staff: Andrew Lynch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairperson ZEYGHAMI at 5:32pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2018 MEETING

Motion/second by MULLALY/BEATTY to approve the meeting minutes from the November 29, 2018 meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. CYCLING WITHOUT AGE PRESENTATION BY HALLE VEENSTRA

VEENSTRA is the head of the Cycling Without Age Marathon County chapter. This program was started in Denmark and has grown worldwide in the past few years. The program uses electric trishaws to provide bike rides to elderly and disabled individuals for recreation and enjoyment. VEENSTRA has trained as a pilot in Stevens Point and is looking to start operations in the Wausau area this summer. They have several locations to provide rides including: Rennes in Weston and Wausau, Primrose Weston and Wausau, Mountview, YMCA and Opportunity Inc. The goal is to have four trishaws in the area and 50 available pilots. Each trishaw costs \$9-10,000. VEENSTRA is looking for more funding opportunities, and people willing to be pilots. The committee offered help in designing routes for the different facilities once the weather improved.

5. COUNTY ROAD B AND 1978 BIKE PLAN

LYNCH explained the discussion the County Infrastructure Committee was having regarding County Road B which will be repaved this summer. Highway Dept. staff questioned if they should include paved shoulders. The committee asked to hear from the bike community and several members of the community will be at the next meeting to offer comment. LYNCH showed a recently discovered 1978 Marathon County Bike Plan that recommended paved shoulders on County Highway B as an example of seizing an opportunity. The plan was found during a clean out at the CPZ office. Several items pointed out in the plan include the use of a 'Dutch left' intersection design, need for railings on bridges, an off-street path on Robin Lane in Rib Mountain is recommended, and the reference to a Rib Mountain Bicycle Committee.

6. CRITERIA FOR MODIFYING BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM

LYNCH provided background on this item. There have been two requests to extend or modify routes yet the plan that created the routes provided no definitive criteria for selection. The committee discussed how the routes could be changed and what qualities they should consider. For reference, they referred to the Mountain Bay connector route that was created last year. The created criteria are as follows:

Adequate Facility – context-appropriate facility in good repair

Safety – Consider traffic counts, crash frequency, and other factors that influence safety

Destination – Does the route go to a significant location?

Connection – Does the route modification connect other routes or infrastructure?

Local Use – Is the route currently used by local riders?

It was decided to keep the criteria more subjective and not create a point-based system.

ACTION: Motion/second by Mullaly/Beatty. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

7. REQUEST TO EXTEND BIKE ROUTE 14 IN TOWN OF WESTON

Using the new criteria, the committee considered the request from the Town of Weston to extend Route 14 from the terminus at Quentin St and extend it along Ross Ave (formerly Kersten, Kramer, Lester St)

to the intersection of Cty Hwy N. Sections of this road will be repaved in the coming years. The committee did not feel the extension matched well with the criteria. While some local riders may use the road now, given the lack of adequate facilities currently, the request was denied. Town of Weston is encouraged to reapply after the road has been upgraded.

ACTION: Motion/second by Beatty/Ruff to **deny** request to extend bike route 14. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

8. REQUEST TO EXTEND BIKE ROUTE 9 IN VILLAGE OF ROTHSCHILD

Committee considered the request from the Village of Rothschild to extend Route 9 in conjunction with the TAP funded project planned to connect Schofield to Volkman St. LYNCH noted that this could also include the section in Schofield which would move the route off Grand Ave and onto the planned trail. The committee felt the extension and modification of the route would satisfy all the criteria but only upon project completion.

ACTION: Motion/second by Beatty/Ruff to move Route 9 to the trail in Schofield and extend it along Volkman to Military Road upon completion of the planned project. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

9. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

City of Schofield: TAP project trail construction planned for 2021. Currently working on sections of trail in industrial park area and looking for more partners.

Village of Maine: The Village will be prepared in 2020 to become fully engaged in the biking community. The Brokaw area has seen an influx of residents and they are looking for recreation options.

Village of Weston: Encroachment issues with the Mountain Bay Trail have been taken care of. The Village would like to proceed in conjunction with the Parks Department.

CWOCC: Ringle is open for winter biking and contracts awarded for additional sections to be constructed in Summer of 2019.

Wausau: Winter Bike to Work Day is Feb 8th. City sent out a survey about the Wausau Center street designs recently completed by Toole Design Group.

MPO: LYNCH updated the group on the eminent domain issues regarding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The MPO Commission is considering a resolution asking legislators to repeal the law that restricts the use of condemnation. There are also legislators in the Fox Valley area and Madison introducing bills on this issue.

10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 28th, 2019

12. ADJOURN

Motion/second by BEATTY/RUFF to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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