

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

**August 22, 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 MAY 23, 2019 MEETING
4. REPORT ON MEETING WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
5. REGIONAL BIKE ROUTE #9 CHANGE REQUEST
6. WISCONSIN BIKE FEDERATION SUMMIT UPDATE
7. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING UPDATE
8. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN
9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
10. NEXT MEETING DATE – SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
11. ADJOURN

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SIGNED



**PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE**

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**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee**  
**Minutes – May 23, 2019**

**Members:** Aaron Ruff, John Beatty, Andrew Plath, Denny Helke, Tom Mullaly, Brad Sippel  
**Staff:** Andrew Lynch

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by LYNCH at 5:35pm

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF (PREVIOUS MEETING DATE) MEETING**

**Motion/second** by BEATTY/HELKE to approve the meeting minutes from the April 25 meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

**4. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT UPDATE**

LYNCH provided an update on the TAP grants timeline. The applications are available in October and due to the DOT in January of 2020. This is federal funding for bicycle, pedestrian, and Safe Routes To School projects. Funds would be available for the 2020-2024 cycle and statewide there will probably be about \$16 million available. The Wausau area was previously awarded these funds for the Trillium Trail in Rib Mountain, 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave Trail and Safe Routes To School Plan in Wausau, and the Rothschild/Schofield Trail. LYNCH cautioned that acquiring Right-Of-Way could still be an issue. SIPPEL noted that Wausau will likely apply for the east-west section of the business campus trail and possibly for a section of the River's Edge Trail. A trail along County Hwy X in Kronenwetter was noted as a good project.

**5. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) UPDATE**

Project funding levels for the MPO were released recently and the Wausau MPO is estimated to receive \$2.5 million to distribute for transportation projects. MPO communities apply for the funding and the MPO awards the funds using the scoring system discussed at the April meeting.

**6. PEOPLE 4 BIKES CITY RATING**

The 2019 rankings were recently released by People 4 Bikes and Wausau fell from the overall (nationally) ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2018 to 29<sup>th</sup> in 2019. One section where the score dropped was Acceleration which measures previous, current, and next years' infrastructure projects. Wausau still ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state behind Madison. This drop in rankings was expected as better and more accurate data is available to the rankings every year.

**7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN**

Kronenwetter: Bike for the Health of It attracted over 100 people. HELKE discussed the paving of Old 51 with Kronenwetter staff and it could possibly have more shoulder width by moving the fog line in 6 inches.

Rib Mountain: Thornapple will be repaved this year. July is the annual Bike Rodeo at the summer learning program.

Wauasu: Construction has begun on Townline and Thomas. Bikeshare proposal from Zagster was examined and will likely be implemented with the opening of the new River's Edge park this summer. Westwood Drive will have bike lanes when repainted this year. SIPPEL is interested in doing more for a Bike Month in 2020 with more area-wide events.

CWOCC: All trails except Sylvan are open.

MPO: E-bike legislation is moving forward at the state legislature. This would define the three levels of e-assist and classify e-bikes as bicycles. Wisconsin Bike Federation Summit will be Oct 4-5 in Wausau.

**8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – JUNE 27, 2019**

**10. ADJOURN**

**Motion/second** by MULLALY/BEATTY to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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

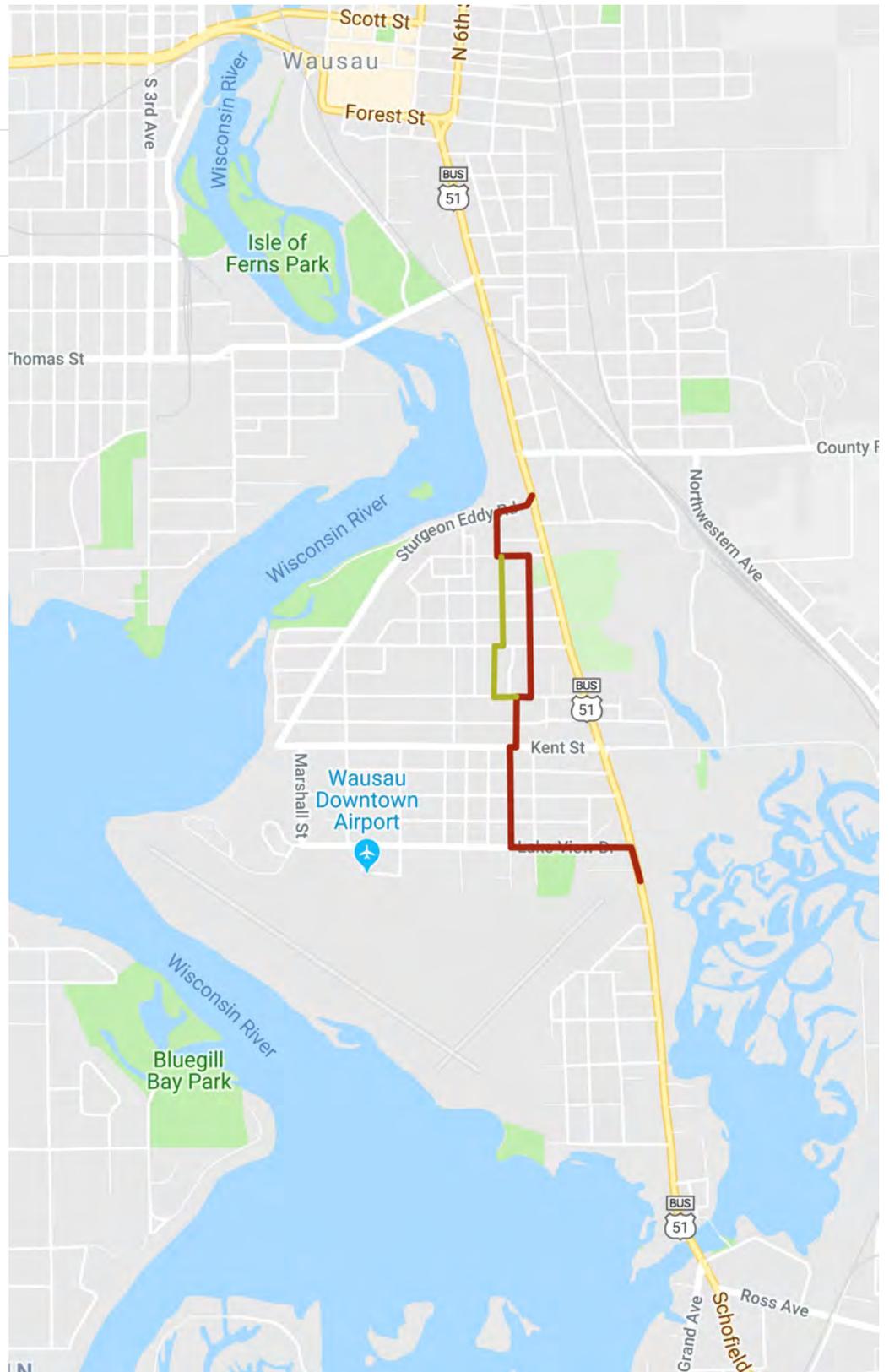
# Wausau MPO Bike Route - Proposed Change

## Route 9

 Current Route

## Proposed Change

 Option 1



To the MPO Bike/Ped Committee:

I live on Wausau's Southeast Side and often bike Route 9 into downtown Wausau. I am proposing that Route 9 be changed to utilize Fairmount St instead of Emerson St. I believe that this change would be positive for the route because it would eliminate the need to bike on Ruder St which is in very poor condition and it would create a route that doesn't have a stop sign at nearly every intersection like Emerson St does.

Thank you for your time on this!

Michelle Van Krey  
2413 Oakwood Blvd

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## CRITERIA FOR MODIFYING MPO BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM:

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?



# EVENTS

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- Wisconsin Bike Summit
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- Hall of Fame Gala
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## 2019 Wisconsin Bike Summit Wausau, Wisconsin Save the Date: Oct. 4th & 5th

This year's Wisconsin Bike Summit will be held in Wausau, WI, rated the best small city for cycling in the 2018 Places For Bike rankings. In addition to the usual advocacy tracks for bicycling and walking, the summit will also have a mountain biking track, given Wausau's investment in purpose built, progressive mtb trails. We will share more details soon.



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