

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

October 24, 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 MEETING
4. WISCONSIN BIKE FEDERATION SUMMIT RECAP
5. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF WAUSAU AREA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK-GRANT PROJECTS
6. REVIEW OF MARATHON COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN BICYCLE RECOMMENDATIONS
7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN
8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
9. NEXT MEETING DATE – DECEMBER 12, 2019 OR TBD
10. 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 – September 26, 2019

Members: Tom Mullaly, Brad Sippel, John Nowaczyk,
Staff: Andrew Lynch
Public: Tom Decker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by NOWACZYK at 5:35 pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 22 MEETING

Motion/second by MULLALY/SIPPEL to approve the meeting minutes from the August 22 meeting.
Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. DISCUSSION WITH DRIVERS EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

The committee was joined by Tom Decker of Decker's Driving Academy. LYNCH expressed the committee's purpose was not just in creating good pedestrian and biking infrastructure in the metro area but also in education. DECKER explained what he was required to teach and how he teaches dealing with bicycle and pedestrian interactions. His school has about 950 students a year. He feels there is confusion with some of the laws as interpreted by the DMV regarding bike lanes that are not marked with a bike symbol. His biggest concern is for safety for all road users. The committee and DECKER felt it would be helpful to provide some definitions of different bicycle infrastructure, more detailed explanations of the laws regarding cyclists, and understanding how a cyclist rides. LYNCH will provide information from the Bicycle Friendly Driver coursework to be used in classroom instruction.

5. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT SUBMITTED PROJECTS

LYNCH provided a brief summary of the projects that were submitted for funding through the MPO. The current applications are vetted by the DOT and returned to the sponsor communities with comments. Final applications are due October 12th and at the next committee meeting, more details will be provided and members encouraged to comment.

6. WISCONSIN BIKE FEDERATION SUMMIT UPDATE

Bike Summit begins on Oct 3 and everyone is encouraged to register for the sessions and rides on October 4th. SIPPEL and LYNCH will be presenting on the Places 4 Bikes ranking and how it can be applied to other communities.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN

City of Wauasu: Many of the streets, especially downtown, are being repaired so watch for extra construction and changing traffic.

City of Schofield: Rothschild/Schofield trail is out for design work and on schedule.

MPO: LYNCH attended the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals conference in Portland, OR. There were many great sessions and the opportunity to try an e-scooter as part of the commute. Upcoming conferences of interest: Walk Bike Place in Indianapolis 2020, APBP in Minneapolis 2021.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

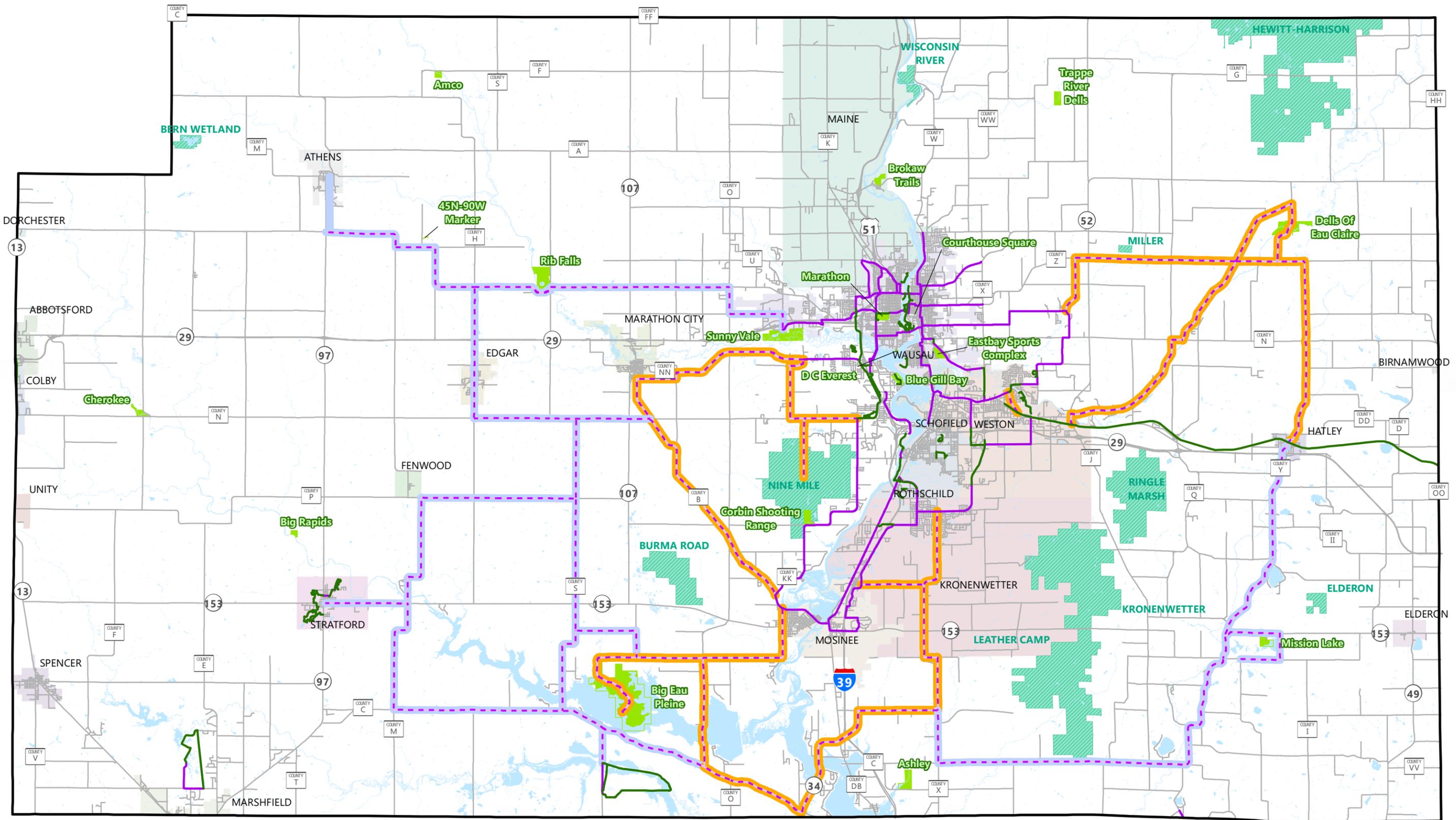
Bicycle Friendly Drivers program, Information on middle school age bicycle education, winter biking for transportation and recreation, STBG projects

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – OCTOBER 24, 2019

10. ADJOURN

Motion/second by SIPPEL/MULLALY to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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



MSA

Data Sources:
 County Parks: Marathon County
 Forest Units: Marathon County
 City/Village: Marathon County
 Roads: Marathon County. Paved inferred from DOT WISLR linework.
 Existing On/Off Road: NCWRPC Regional Bike/Ped Plan (2018)
 Existing Bicycle Routes: Wausau Bicycle Pedestrian Plan (2015)

0 1.75 3.5 Miles

Marathon County	Paved Road	Proposed On Road
City/Village	Existing Off Road	Proposed Trails Priorities
Water Body	Existing On Road	Phase 1
County Park	Phase 2	
Forest Unit		

MSA Phased Route Recommendations based on NCWRPC County Plan

CORP Update
Marathon County, WI