

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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COUNTY OF MARATHON
WAUSAU, WI 54403

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

July 23, 2020
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)*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Wausau MPO encourages Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. To this end, instead of attendance in person, Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by telephone conference. If Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Wausau MPO requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference **beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

Phone: 1-408-418-9388

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

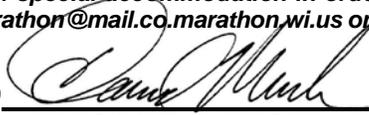
POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2020 MEETING
4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAUSAU MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN 2015 MASTER PLAN UPDATE: NEW INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS
5. BIKE/PED CHANGES IN PROPOSED FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL
6. ARTICLE: I'VE SEEN THE FUTURE WITHOUT CARS....
7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
9. NEXT MEETING DATE – AUGUST 27, 2020
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 – June 25, 2020

Members: John Nowaczyk, Chair, John Beatty, Ryan Lichtenwald, Brad Sippel, Mark Thuot, Tom Mullaly,
Dennis Helke, David Aspensen
Staff: Andrew Lynch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by LYNCH at 5:34pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23 MEETING

Motion/second by THUOT/MULLALY to approve the meeting minutes from the April 23 meeting.
Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAUSAU MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN 2015 MASTER PLAN UPDATE: CHANGES TO INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Changes to the staff recommendations (numbers corresponding to table in packet) are as follows:

#31: change to sharrows on Sherman but add bike lanes near the 17th Ave intersection.

#46: add trail facility between Stewart and Hwy 52 to extend existing trail.

#78: if width allows add buffered bike lane.

#113: upon further review by staff on this item the original recommendation should remain.

#42: Committee recommended a trail facility to fit within the existing right of way.

#83: approve staff recommendation and add need for additional pedestrian crossings along whole length of Grand Ave.

#87: Staff recommendation approved

#91: Staff recommendation approved

#3: Staff recommendation approved

Motion/second by THUOT/SIPPEL to approve the changes to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.
Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

5. TIMELINE OF MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Due to missed meetings and additional work because of the current pandemic the timeline of the plan was pushed back. July meeting would discuss new projects or items to add, August or September would be likely for a draft being available.

6. NEW INFRASTRUCTURE CELEBRATION RIDES

Town of Rib Mountain is planning on a September celebration ride for the opening of the Trillium Trail. They have asked for input on whom to invite and any other programming for the event. LYNCH mentioned the need to do a ride on infrastructure finished at the end of 2019, namely 1st Ave and Thomas St in Wausau. Kronenwetter will also have a new trail opening this year and will likely have an event planned. All events will follow appropriate guidelines on distancing and group size.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Wausau Wheelers: Board voted to begin group rides under restrictions. Groups no larger than 10 with correct distancing. Pie Ride and other events are being rethought for new restrictions.

Town of Rib Mountain: Planning for celebration ride in September, monitoring construction of Trillium Trail.

City of Schofield: Trail project with V of Rothschild has been delayed one year to 2022 due to property acquisition and DOT budgeting.

Village of Maine: Brokaw roads are still torn up with infrastructure upgrades. County Road WW has also sustained damage due to the truck traffic during construction.

City of Wausau: Bike share vendor, Zagster, has filed for bankruptcy. City is examining other vendors that can easily take over the hardware. Bikes are currently inoperable. Consultant was hired to prepare plans for north extension of River's Edge trail from Winton St to Gilbert Park. Also a bike boulevard treatment for Prospect St proposal.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – JULY 23, 2020

10. ADJOURN

Motion/second by BEATTY/SIPPEL to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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



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June 4, 2020

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION BILL INCLUDES BIG WINS FOR BIKING AND WALKING

ADVOCACY
FEDERAL NEWS

by Caron Whittaker



See the [article](#) from the League of American Bicyclists on the House version of a new federal transportation bill.

Here are some interesting items:

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding would increase 60% and be indexed at 10% of the Surface Transportation (road funding) program.
- Starting in 2024, states that have a vulnerable user fatality and injury rate that is above average must obligate funding in alignment with the vulnerable user road safety assessment.
- Once again requires states to have a full-time Safe Routes to School coordinator, which will be a great help in ensuring that more transportation funds are spent on this important cause.
- Active Transportation Connectivity Grants: The INVEST bill includes a one year grant program of \$250 million dollars to fund states and local governments to build active transportation networks, spines (connections between communities) and complete streets plans. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy led this effort.



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I've Seen a Future Without Cars, and It's Amazing

Why do American cities waste so much space on cars?



By **Farhad Manjoo**
Opinion Columnist

July 9, 2020



<https://nyti.ms/2DBIUgP>

Use the above link to read the article. There are some excellent visuals that show the proposed transformations.