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Dear Mr. Fulkerson and Ms. Brookins:

Under the authority delegated to me by Governor Tony Evers, I am hereby approving the Marathon County Planning Commission's Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Wausau Urbanized Area. The amendment was approved and adopted by the Marathon County Planning Commission on July 13, 2021. We will reflect by reference the 2021-2024 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Copies of the TIP Amendment and Resolution Number 7-21 for the Marathon County Planning Commission are enclosed. This TIP amendment represents a comprehensive, continuous, and cooperative effort between the MPO, local communities, affected transit operators, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), and is designed to meet the objectives of Title 23 USC 134 and 135 and their implementing regulations 23 CFR 450 and the regional transportation system plan.

We have determined that the proposed amendment: 1) is consistent with the adopted MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, 2) conforms to this state's approved implementation plan under the federal Clean Air Act and 42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR 93 (23 CFR 450.222(a)(7), and 3) ensures that the TIP remains fiscally constrained in that federal funding resources are sufficient to support the new or modified projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Thompson", enclosed in a rectangular box.

Craig M. Thompson
Secretary

Cc: Dave Mack, Wausau MPO
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MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION # 7-21

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA**

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission was designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Wausau Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Metropolitan Transportation Planning Regulations by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission has developed a four-year transportation improvement program (TIP) for the Wausau Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program identifies transit, pedestrian/bicycle, and highway improvement projects and programs consistent with current transportation plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission endorses the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Wausau Metropolitan Area* and the *Transit Development Program for the Wausau Area Transit System*, which will be continually updated and maintained as part of the urban transportation planning process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission adopts *Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Performance Measures as part of the amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Wausau Metropolitan Area*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with 23 CFR 450.336, the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Wausau, WI urbanized area hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is addressing the major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
2. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
4. 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;

5. Section 1101(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act) (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in the US DOT funded projects;
6. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of title 23, U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program contains only projects that are consistent with the transportation plan for the urban area and recommends that this document be submitted to the appropriate federal and state agencies for approval.

Dated this 13th day of July 2021



John Robinson, Commission Chairman



David Mack, MPO Director and Commission Secretary

On July 13, 2021 the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission (Wausau MPO) amended this 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following text referencing the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measures.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act grants the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the authority to establish and enforce a comprehensive regulatory framework to oversee the safety of public transportation throughout the United States. As a component of this safety oversight framework, MAP-21 requires certain recipients of FTA Chapter 53 funding to develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

In addition to greater safety oversight responsibilities, MAP-21’s grant of expanded regulatory authority puts FTA in a position to provide guidance to transit agencies that strengthens the use of safety data to support management decisions, improves the commitment of transit leadership to safety, and fosters a culture of safety that promotes awareness and responsiveness to safety risks. The framework to this approach is called a safety management system (SMS), which moves the transit industry towards a more holistic, performance-based approach to safety. The SMS framework has been adopted by FTA in its National Public Transportation Safety Plan (“national safety plan”).

The PTASP for Metro Ride supports and is consistent with an SMS approach to safety risk management. SMS is an integrated collection of policies, processes, and behaviors meant to ensure a formalized, proactive, and data-driven approach to safety risk management. The aim of an SMS is to increase the safety performance of transit systems by proactively identifying, assessing, and controlling safety risks.

The approach is meant to be flexible and scalable, so that transit agencies of all types and sizes can efficiently meet the basic requirements of MAP-21. This PTASP addresses all applicable requirements and standards as set forth in the FTA’s Public Transportation Safety Program and the National Public Transportation Safety Plan.

Safety Performance Targets

<i>Targets are based on review of the previous 5 years of Metro Rides safety performance data</i>								
Mode of Transit Service	Vehicle Miles (VM)	Fatalities (total)	Fatalities (per 100k VM)	Injuries (total)	Injuries (per 100k VM)	Safety Events (total)	Safety Events (per 100k VM)	System Reliability (VM/Failure)
Fixed-Route Bus	403,720	0	0	0	0	7	27	16,467
Mode of Transit Service	Vehicle Miles (VM)	Fatalities (total)	Fatalities (per 10k VM)	Injuries (total)	Injuries (per 10k VM)	Safety Events (total)	Safety Events (per 10k VM)	System Reliability (VM/Failure)
Paratransit	19,979	0	0	0	0	0	0.10	19,979

Safety Performance Target Coordination

Metro Ride’s Accountable Executive will share the PTASP, including safety performance targets, with the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) each year, after formal adoption by the Transit Commission. Metro Ride’s Accountable Executive will also provide a copy of our formally adopted plan to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). Metro Ride personnel will be available to coordinate with WisDOT and the MPO in the selection safety performance targets upon request.

Targets Transmitted to the State of Wisconsin	State Entity Name	Date Targets Transmitted
	WisDOT, Bureau of Transit	3/22/2021
Targets Transmitted to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Name of Metropolitan Planning Organization	Date Targets Transmitted
	Wausau Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (Wausau MPO)	3/22/2021