

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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COUNTY OF MARATHON
WAUSAU, WI 54403

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
TRANSPORTATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 12, 2021
1:00 P.M.**

**Large Conference Room
210 RIVER DR., WAUSAU, WI**

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: 6-12-08)*

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): *Gaylene Rhoden, Randy Fifrick, Tim Vergara, Keith Donner, Jeff Gates, Mark Thout, Brad Lenz, Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Darryl Landeau, Jim Griesbach, Greg Seubert, Richard Downey, Scott Turner, Keith Rusch, Brian Grefe, Eric Lindman, David Eckmann, James Kuehn, David Meurett, Gary Olsen*

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

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Agenda Items:


1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS;
2. PUBLIC COMMENT;

Policy Discussion and Possible Action:

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2021 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING;
4. 2021 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TRAFFIC MODEL RESULTS;
5. MARATHON COUNTY'S UNIVERCITY YEAR PROJECT UPDATES;
6. 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 one business day before the meeting.

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EMAILED DATE/TIME: October 6, 2021 11:14 am

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**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes – August 10, 2021**

Meeting Attendance: Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Gaylene Rhoden, Mark Thout, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Randy Fifrick, Kevin Lang, Keith Rusch, Greg Seubert, Allen Wesolowski, Brad Sipple, Brad Lenz, Jeff Gates, Michael Wodalski, Jared Wehner, Brenda Iczkowski, John Robinson, Mike Wendt, Mitch Batuzich

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Robinson at 1:04 p.m., at 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Approve Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Transportation TAC meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY WEHNER / RUSCH TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2021 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH THE CORRECTION OF REMOVAL OF GAYLENE RHODEN AND MOVING JARED WEHNER FROM OTHERS TO THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Approval of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Updates

Discussion: Lynch shared the list of revisions for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Wausau MPO. On July 16, a public meeting open house was held at 210 River Drive, which no one was in attendance. The information was also posted on the MPO website and solicited through emails to committee members and social media. There were a total of 13 responses and 3 additional email responses. At the July Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed and approved the comments and made slight modifications as suggested.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK/WEHNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN AMENDMENTS, MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL FORWARD ONTO TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

5. 2021 Long Range Transportation Plan Traffic Model Results

Discussion: Mack shared part of the Long Range Transportation Plan process is working with WisDOT on a traffic model. The current traffic model has data that is from the 2010 census. The traffic model should reflect the current state of the roadways and the projected model shows expected traffic in 2050. This plan is an update until the finalized census data is received. In the packet are maps showing what the level of service is and is what the traveler's perceptions are. The traffic model map legend was explained as A, B, and C having none or some delay with lower amount of traffic concern. D with a higher impact of delay, and E having a very concerning amount of delay during certain periods of day. The future projection map to the year 2050 showed areas of concern around the metro area in Wausau on Grand Avenue and Mosinee on the WI River Bridge as persistent problem areas. Lynch added staff received further updates on the maps from the DOT traffic modeler right before the meeting. The updated model information will be mapped and shown to the Commission at the next meeting.

Action: For informational purposes only.

Follow Through: Staff will continue to update the committee with the program.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, Motion/Second by Fifrick / Wodalski to Adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 1:50 pm CARRIED VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Submitted by:
David Mack, MPO Director
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning
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Traffic Model Scenarios - Future Major Projects

MPO staff, in consultation with MPO communities, developed several major projects to model for the Long Range Transportation Plan. These results of the modeling provide a glimpse into the feasibility of the idea. Any further work on a project would require a more detailed analysis. Project scenarios were compared against the MPO area future model with the projected traffic volume. All Level of Service (LOS) ratings are ABC unless noted. None of the scenarios produced a change to the previously noted problem areas in the future model. None of the scenarios had an adverse impact in the immediate surrounding area.

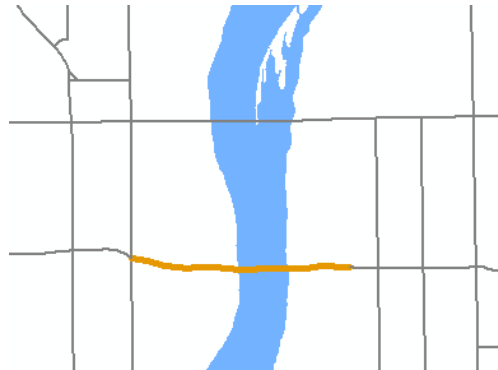
Bridges

#1 – Evergreen/Decatur: Bridge crossing the Wisconsin River in the City of Wausau and Village of Maine at Evergreen and Decatur. This project was long envisioned as an alternative to CTH WW and Bridge St while serving the regional circulation system as outlined in the Local Arterial Circulation Plan (2000).



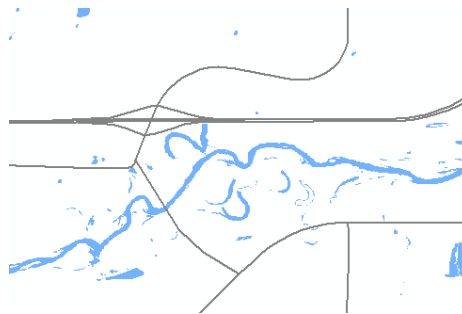
Project #			Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
1	Bridge	Evergreen/Decatur					2720	ABC
		Bridge St Bridge	22124	ABC	25747	D	24545	D

#2 – Wausau Ave: Bridge crossing the Wisconsin River in the City of Wausau at Wausau Avenue. One of a few possible crossing between Bridge St and Evergreen that could relieve traffic volumes on Bridge Street. It should be noted that this model did not optimize the road network on either side of the bridge. A more detailed analysis would likely extend from 6th Street to 3rd Ave.



Project #			Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
2	Bridge	Wausau Ave					4217	ABC
		Bridge St Bridge	22124	ABC	25747	D	22124	ABC

#3 – County Highway O: This project would extend the southern end of the CTH O interchange across the Rib River and intersect with CTH NN. This was designed to examine the effectiveness of a bridge between Marathon City and CTH R. Although the model shows an access road along Hwy 29, this link carried no traffic volume and had no impact on the results.



Project #			Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
3	Bridge	CTH O Bridge					676	ABC
		CTH NN east			401		832	
		CTH NN west			401		233	
		STH 107 Overpass			5348		5259	
		CTH R Bridge			782		765	
		CTH O north			2081		2201	ABC

#4 – Grossman Bridge: This project would extend Grossman Drive north from the Schofield industrial park, across the Eau Claire River and connect with Northwestern Ave. This was designed to serve as an alternative to Grand Ave/Bus 51. It should be noted the streets in the industrial park connecting to Metro Dr were slightly altered in the model however a more significant change is likely needed for a more detailed analysis.



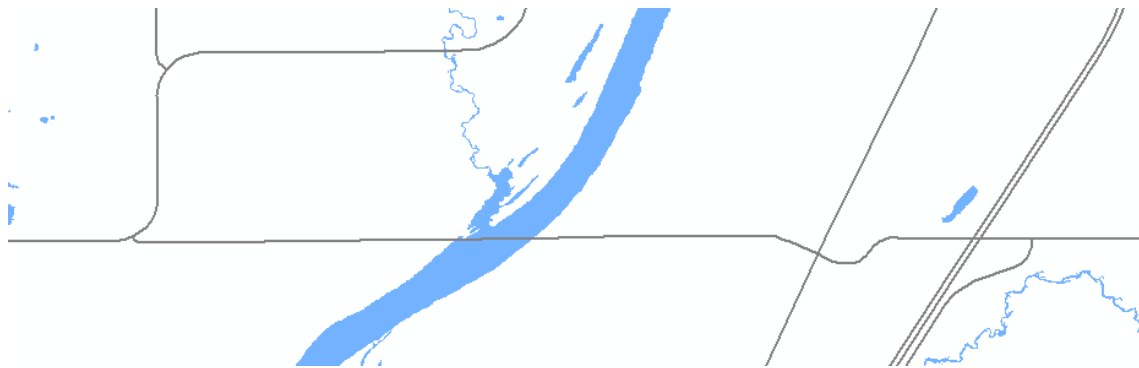
Project #			Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
4	Bridge	Grossman Dr					3218	ABC
		BUS 51 Bridge	19553		23866		22535	ABC
		Northwestern Ave east	679		834		3081	ABC
		Metro Dr	1577		2248		2217	ABC

#5 – Military Road: This project extends Military Road to the west, across the Wisconsin River, into Foxglove Road. This bridge could be an alternate to Hwy 29 between Rothschild and Rib Mountain. This scenario only reflects the addition of a bridge, further changes are modeled in scenario #11.



Project #			Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
5	Bridge	Military Rd Bridge					3074	ABC
		Military Rd east Bus 51			4080		4554	
		Foxglove Rd	134		161		2287	
		Hwy 29 WB on ramp	6980		9710		9372	
		Bus 51 South	8060		11719		11819	

#6 – Gardner Park Road: This project is another likely crossing point of the Wisconsin River in the southern MPO area. This would provide an alternate to STH 153 in Mosinee or possibly use of I-39. This scenario only reflects the addition of a bridge, further changes are modeled in scenario #12.



Project #			Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
6	Bridge	Gardner Park					2631	
		CTH KK	1865		2313		3163	
		Kowalski	1820		3528		4005	
		Old 51 south	1004		3050		3531	
		Old 51 north	1723		3014		4167	
		STH 153 Bridge - Mosinee			17227	E	16787	E

#7 – Included in scenario #11.

Roads

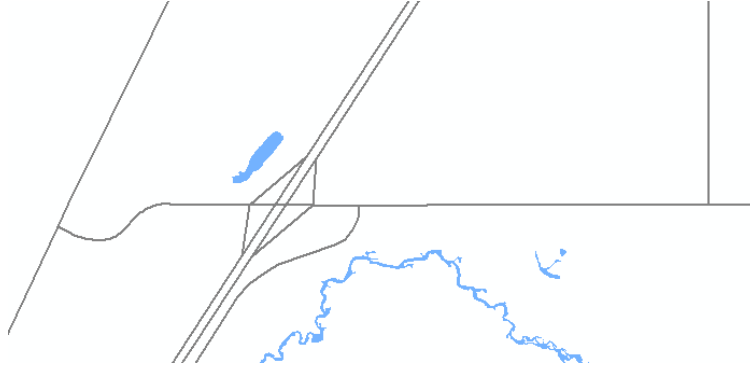
#8 - Northwestern Ave extension: This project extends Northwestern Ave in Weston to the east from CTH X to Sandy Lane. This road would cross the Eau Claire River and provide an alternate to Ross Ave for the residential neighborhood.



Project #			Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
8	Road	Northwestern Ave East					2520	
		Ross Ave south of round	5905		7089		6669	
		Camp Phillips north of Ross	5101		7533		6384	
		Northwestern Ave west of Camp Phillips	1190		1994		2731	

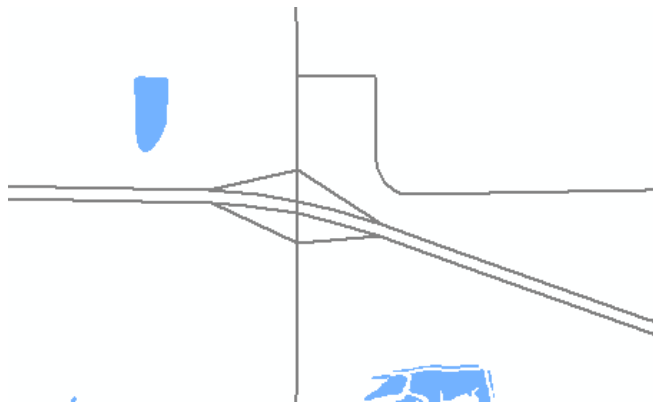
Interchange

#9 – Kowalski Interchange: This project would provide access to and from I-39 to Kowalski Road in the Village of Kronenwetter. Although modeled as a standard diamond interchange it is likely the ramps would have a different configuration.



Project #		Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
9	Kowalski Interchange						
	Ramps					2700-3000	
	Kowalski & Tower Dr	1820		3528		8641	ABC
	Old 51 south	1004		3050		2698	
	Old 51 north	1723		3014		1178	
	CTH XX			12110		7604	
	CTH X			5295		5156	

#10 – Ryan Street Interchange with Hwy 29: This project adds a diamond interchange at Ryan Street in Weston. This would provide more immediate access to the industrial park and future developments south of Hwy 29. This model was developed before the release of the Weston Ave Corridor Plan.

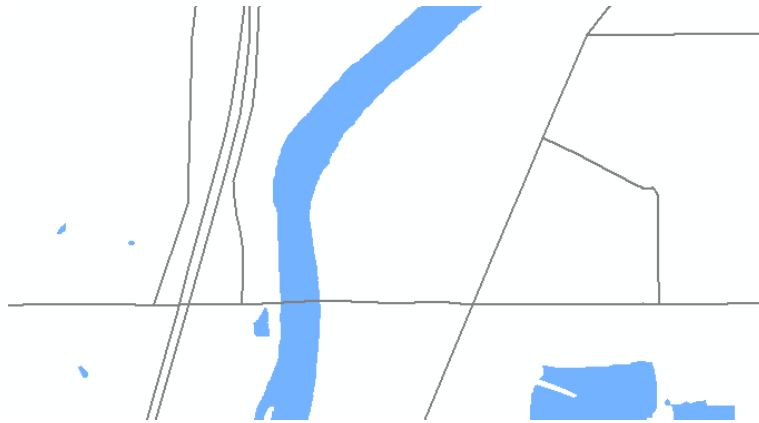


Project #		Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Scenario Vol	LOS
10	Ryan St Interchange						
	East off ramp					2441	

West on ramp		2652
Ryan St south	2024	2147
Ryan St north	2024	5527

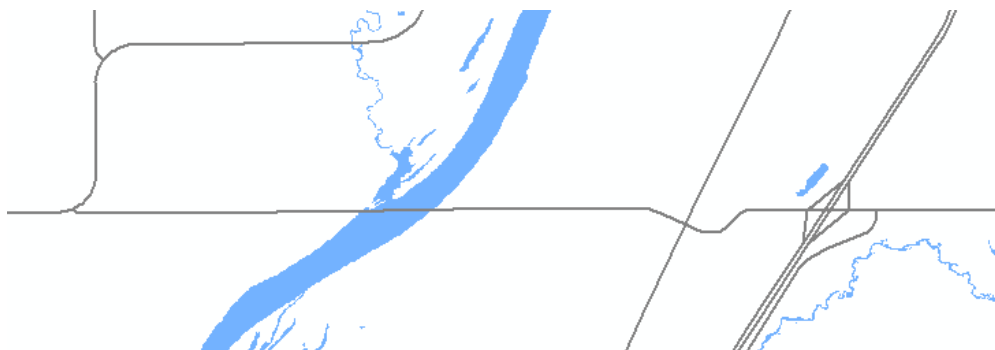
Combined

#11 – Military Road and Trillium Extension: This scenario is designed to measure the effect of creating a more direct route from Rothschild to Rib Mountain Drive by extending Trillium Lane in the path of the current multi-use trail.



		Base Vol	LOS	Future Vol	LOS	Bridge only	Bridge and Trillium
11	Military Bridge and Trillium Lane						
	Military Bridge					3074	3940
	Military east of Bus 51			4080		4554	4667
	Foxglove Rd	134		161		2287	1607
	Hwy 29 WB on ramp	6980		9710		9372	9208
	Bus 51 South	8060		11719		11819	11953
	Trillium Lane						1764

#12 – Gardner Park Bridge and Kowalski Interchange: This scenario is designed to measure the effect of both the I-39 interchange and a bridge over the Wisconsin River.



		Future Vol	LOS	Bridge only	LOS	Bridge and Interchange	LOS
12	Gardner Bridge and Interchange						
	Ramps					3100-3300	
	Kowalski & Tower Dr	3528		4005		8993	
	Old 51 south	3050		3531		2796	
	Old 51 north	3014		4167		1834	
	CTH XX	12110		11932		7522	
	CTH X	5295		5309		5166	
	Mosinee Bridge	17227	E	16787	E	16828	E
	CTH KK north	2313		1169		881	
	CTH KK south	2313		3163		3157	