

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
210 RIVER DR., WAUSAU, WI**

Members: John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice Chair, Allan Opall, Betty Hoenisch, Steve Hagman, Katie Rosenberg, Tim Buttke, Matt Lee Baer, Milton Olson, Chris Voll, Mark Maloney, Brent Jacobson, Kregg Hoehn, Ken Wickham

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING
4. INTRODUCTION OF LANCE MUELLER, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

5. 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP) APPROVAL
6. 2022 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TDP) ISSUES OUTSIDE THE CITY OF WAUSAU
7. PUBLIC WATER WORK GROUP UPDATE
8. NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD
9. 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.

SIGNED 
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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Midwest Radio Group, Marshfield News

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MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
October 18, 2022

Meeting Attendance: John Robinson – Chair, Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Jared Grande (for Opall), Michael Wodalski (for Maloney), Dave Meurett (for Wickham), Milt Olson, Brenda Iczkowski, Dave Mack, Mark Thuot (for Hoehn), Daryl Landeau, Brad Lenz, Katie Rosenberg, Greg Seubert, Jim Kuehn, Ryan VanDeWalle (for Peterson), Dan Hekrdle (for Voll)

1. Call to Order
In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robinson at 2:00 p.m. at Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.
2. Public Comment – No public present.
3. Approve Minutes September 13, 2022, Commission meeting
Action: MOTION / SECOND BY OLSON/ROSENBERG TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.
4. 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment
Discussion: Included in the packet is an Amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP. WisDOT suggested an amendment to the TIP to include a Traffic Assessment Study in downtown Wausau to look at the connecting highways on STH 52 and Bus STH 51 as they pass through the City of Wausau. The project cost is \$350,000 with a start date in a few weeks and completed in late winter.
Action: MOTION / SECOND BY THUOT/GATES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-22 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.
Follow Through: Staff will send the Amendment to WisDOT and FHWA.
5. 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Discussion: Mack shared the packet includes an updated link to the revised final UPWP. After discussions with WisDOT and FHWA, the changes were based on the Federal BIL that all MPO's are required to use at least 2.5% of planning funds on creating accommodations for all users such as Bicycle, Pedestrian, Transit, Children, Older individuals, and Individuals with Disabilities. The UPWP now includes a new activity area called #3235 Safe and Accessible Transportation Options.
Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #8-22 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.
Follow Through: Staff will send the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program to WisDOT and FHWA.
6. 2022 Transit Development Program (TDP)
Discussion: Included in the packet is the final TDP. After the September commission meeting, a public outreach was conducted on the draft with approximately 50 people attending and numerous comments to the draft but none of the comments caused the draft to be changed.
Action: MOTION / SECOND BY ROSENBERG/GATES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #9-22 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

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Follow Through: Staff will begin working with the Wausau Transit Commission and area communities on implementation of the plan.

7. Draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Discussion: Mack shared included in the packet is the draft 2023-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan. This document identifies the projects that will be funded with the state and federal funds over the next 4 years. The draft will be available for a 30-day review and a Public Informational meeting will be scheduled November 8, 2022 from 4:30-6 pm at the Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY ROSENBERG/THUOT TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND MAKE THE DOCUMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff will make the document available for public review.

8. Public Water Work Group Charter

Discussion: Robinson refreshed the commission of discussion that was held at previous meetings awhile back possibly forming a work group charter for the public water which would allow the group to discuss the public water system and related components within the Wausau Metro area. The meeting packet includes a summary of the work group duties and roles.

Action: None at this time.

Follow Through: Mack will contact the communities to identify individuals to be members of the Work Group.

9. Next Meeting Date: November 29, 2022, at 2 PM, in Room 5 at 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI and Webex. Agenda items: Final 2023-2026 TIP

10. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY VANDEWALLE/ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:30 PM. MOTION CARRIES.**

Submitted by:
Dave Mack, MPO Director
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning
DM: BI



2023-2026

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Can be found here:

https://wasaumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023Wausau_TIPDocument_Final-1.pdf

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COMMISSION RESOLUTION # 10-22

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE
2022-2025 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 the 2023-2026 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. In non-attainment and maintenance areas, 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 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. Law No. 117-58) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in the USDOT funded projects. the DBE program ensures equal opportunity in transportation contracting markets, and in the statute, Congress established a national goal that 10% of federal funding to to certified DBE firms;
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. Programs and activities funded with federal dollars are prohibited from discrimination based on disability;
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 29th day of October 2022.

John Robinson, Commission Chairman

David Mack, MPO Director, Marathon County
Metro Planning Commission Secretary

Transit Issues Outside the City of Wausau

1. Shopping and Employment

- a. Discount shopping opportunities like Walmart and Aldi and opportunities for employment are located outside of the City of Wausau and therefore may not be accessible to people without access to a personal vehicle.

2. Older Adults

- a. Older adults (55 and older) or households living below poverty are more likely to not have access to a vehicle and live on a limited budget.
- b. The older adult population by municipality are:
 - Weston 15%
 - Rib Mountain 22%
 - Rothschild 15%
 - Schofield 18%
- c. Rib Mountain is a popular community and the demand for housing for older adults is growing. As the population ages, the need for an alternative to driving a personal vehicle is likely to increase.
- d. There is potential demand for transportation options from people living in the senior housing complexes in Rothschild.

3. Health and Wellness

- a. Access to affordable transportation options could help improve wellness and independence for apartment and senior housing residents.
- b. Marshfield Clinic is a major healthcare provider for the region and is not accessible by transit.
- c. Aspirus indicated that transportation for patients is a top need at all their facilities.

4. Low Income and Poverty

- a. In Schofield, approximately 16% of the households are living below the Federal poverty level. The other communities have just under 10% living below poverty.
- b. Some housing areas in Schofield range from trailer parks to apartment buildings with rents of \$900 per month. People living in low-income housing areas need transportation to local employers to obtain gainful and sustainable employment and ultimately improve their personal incomes and become more self-sufficient.