

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

**November 9, 2023  
10:00 A.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, Jared Grande, Tim Vergara, Jeff Gates, Mark Thout, Brad Lenz, Dave Mack, Darryl Landeau, Jim Griesbach, Scott Turner, Brian Grefe, Eric Lindman, David Eckmann, Matthew Sorenson, David Meurett, Michael Wodalski, Peter Wegner, Ryan Van DeWalle, Lance Mueller, Laurie Miskimins*

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**Agenda Items:**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Policy Discussion and Possible Action:**

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2022, TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
4. STP-URBAN SCORING AND CRITERIA DISCUSSION
5. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP-URBAN) FFY24-29 PROJECT RANKING
6. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FFY24-28 PROJECT RANKING
7. REDESIGNATION OF MPO URBAN AND PLANNING BOUNDARIES
8. RESTRUCTURING OF BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
9. ADJOURN.

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**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes – August 9, 2022**

**Meeting Attendance:** Milton Olsen, Gaylene Rhoden, Darryl Landeau, Andrew Lynch, John Robinson, Mark Thout, Dave Meurett, Kevin Lang, Greg Seubert, Brad Sippl, Jeff Gates, Michael Wodalski, Jared Grande, Eric Lindman, Keith Rusch, Tim Vergara, Allen Wesolowski, Donna Krause

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by at 1:00 p.m., at 212 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Approve Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Transportation TAC meeting

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / TO APPROVE THE MAY 10, 2022 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

4. Surface Transportation Program FFY23-26 Application Information

**Discussion:** Mack shared the next timeframe for the STP-Urban applications will be due on June 3, 2022, and that will put the projects that are done in the area back in the normal sequence. Once WisDOT sends the submitted projects to MPO Staff, the rating is then completed by this committee, which should be at the June 14, 2022. Mack received the submitted from WisDOT and they were the City of Wausau, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, from STH 52 to Sell St. for resurfacing and the Village of Weston, resurfacing on Northwestern Avenue from City of Wausau limits to Camp Phillips Rd. Wausau Area MPO was allocated \$1,040,086 for 2022 and the two projects that were submitted come to \$1,105,000. A MPO Commission and TAC joint meeting will need to be held before the next regularly scheduled meeting to get the funds allocated to the projects this summer. Discussion about a special Joint Commission and Technical Advisory Committee meeting on May 24, 2022 at 2 pm. took place.

**Action:** A JOINT MPO COMMISSION AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 24, 2022 AT 2:00 PM.

**Follow Through:** STAFF WILL BRING THE STP PROJECTS TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION

5. Carbon Reduction Program Project Selection

**Discussion:** Mack shared that 3 applications were received last Friday for the Carbon Reduction Program, an application from Rib Mountain for an electric service truck, an application from the Village of Weston for an electric forklift, and an application from the City of Wausau for LED Street lighting. The amount of \$204,370 has been allocated for this program for the MPO. With the projects submitted totaling \$264,800 there will be a shortfall of \$60,430.

**Action:** A JOINT MPO COMMISSION AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 24, 2022, AT 2:00 PM.

**Follow Through:** STAFF WILL BRING THE CARBON REDUCTION PROJECTS TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION

6. Supplemental Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Information

Discussion: Mack shared that there is a supplemental TAP program application period taking place now. If communities have a non-infrastructure safe routes to school project or a non-infrastructure study that can be started before September 30, 2022 they can apply for funding. Included in the packet is more information to explain the supplemental timeframe of receiving the funds. The supplemental TAP funding applications are due June 3, 2022.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE WHEN NEEDED.

7. Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Program Overview

Discussion: Mack included in the packet information for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program. This is a safety program to create community safety plans and then implement them. The goal is to prevent transportation fatalities and serious injuries with a vision zero deaths concept. The program eligibility and application process for the grant will be available within the next few months. Overall, the annual program will have about \$1 billion nationally to spend.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE WHEN NEEDED.

8. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY LANG / GRANDE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 1:42 PM. MOTION CARRIES.**

Submitted by:  
David Mack, MPO Director  
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

**STBG Scoring Criteria - Wausau MPO**

	Criteria	Measure	Measure Inputs	Scoring	Total Points Available
1	Key Component of Transportation System	Functional Classification	Func Class System	Arterials = 2, Collector = 1	2
		Project is of regional significance	MPO Worksheet	Regional significance = 2	2
2	System Condition	System condition rating 1-10	DOT application	<5 Score = 2, 5-7 Score = 1, 7+ Score = 0	2
3	Project Coordination	2+ Communities working together	DOT application	Coordination = 2	2
4	Safety	FHWA Roadway Departure Safety calculation	TOPS lab WisDOT Traffic Counts	Highest = 2, 2nd highest = 1	2
		How does the project create safer conditions?	MPO Worksheet	Same road profile = 0, Some improvements = 1, Major improvements = 2	2
5	Congestion	Level of Service (LOS) Current Condition	MPO Traffic model. Model will be run at start of STBG application cycle.	D = 2, C = 1, B-A = 0	2
		Local testimony	MPO Worksheet	Max of 1 point	1
6	Freight	Within 1 mile of freeway system/interchange	Map	Within 1 mile = 1, all others = 0	1
		Facilitates access to industrial, or concentrated commercial area	MPO Worksheet	Yes = 1, No = 0	1
7	Multimodal	Complies with Federal Regulations on accommodations and delivers context-sensitive design	Guidance on Federal Regulations see (WisDOT FDM 11-46-1). For design standards use FDM, NACTO, or AASHTO. Describe accommodations in MPO Worksheet.	Complies with Fed Regs = 1, Context-sensitive design = 1	2
		Project is identified in MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan or addresses a significant need.	MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Describe significant need in MPO Worksheet.	Yes = 2, No = 0	2
8	Environmental Justice	Project is in identified EJ area (low-income or minority). Census block level minority population >10% and or census block group median income below federal poverty level (\$25,750 family of 4).	MPO worksheet	Failure to address EJ issues results in loss of 2 points.	2

2025-2029 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Allocations						
200+K	Population	Percentage	Allotment	Cycle Budget	Current Projects*	Allocation
Appleton, WI	230,967	10.38%	\$5,292,655	\$26,463,275	\$22,703,641	\$3,759,634
Green Bay, WI	224,156	10.07%	\$5,136,580	\$25,682,898	\$12,125,703	\$13,557,195
Madison, WI	450,305	20.23%	\$10,318,829	\$51,594,145	\$18,749,408	\$32,844,737
Milwaukee, WI	1,306,795	58.72%	\$29,945,469	\$149,727,343	\$72,907,225	\$76,820,118
Round Lake Beach--McHenry--Grayslake, IL--WI	13,374	0.60%	\$306,468	\$1,532,339	\$2,963,012	-\$1,430,673
	2,225,597	1	\$51,000,000	\$255,000,000	\$129,448,989	\$125,551,011
50K-200K	Population	Percentage	Allotment	Cycle Budget	Current Projects	Allocation
Beloit, WI--IL	44,092	4.98%	\$913,545	\$4,567,723	\$2,018,875	\$2,548,848
Eau Claire, WI	105,475	11.91%	\$2,185,342	\$10,926,712	\$5,202,604	\$5,724,108
Fond du Lac, WI	54,731	6.18%	\$1,133,975	\$5,669,873	\$4,130,315	\$1,539,558
Janesville, WI	72,285	8.16%	\$1,497,677	\$7,488,384	\$4,342,707	\$3,145,677
Kenosha, WI	125,865	14.21%	\$2,607,804	\$13,039,019	\$9,831,334	\$3,207,685
La Crosse, WI--MN	93,411	10.54%	\$1,935,388	\$9,676,938	\$8,297,292	\$1,379,646
Oshkosh, WI	76,190	8.60%	\$1,578,585	\$7,892,924	\$6,035,836	\$1,857,088
Racine, WI	134,877	15.22%	\$2,794,524	\$13,972,620	\$12,083,653	\$1,888,967
Sheboygan, WI	74,369	8.39%	\$1,540,855	\$7,704,277	\$3,610,997	\$4,093,280
Superior (Duluth, MN)	27,191	3.07%	\$563,372	\$2,816,859	\$2,383,754	\$433,105
Wausau, WI	77,429	8.74%	\$1,604,256	\$8,021,278	\$3,803,714	\$4,217,564
	885,915	1	\$18,355,321	\$91,776,607	\$61,741,081	\$30,035,526
Program	Population	Percentage	Allotment	Cycle Budget	Current Projects	Allocation
STP-Urban (50-200K pop.)	885,915	24.15%	\$18,355,321	\$91,776,607		
STP-Urban (20K-50K pop.)	304,918	8.31%	\$6,317,613	\$31,588,064	\$14,308,154	\$17,279,910
STP-Urban (5K-20K pop.)	505,537	13.78%	\$10,474,249	\$52,371,244	\$24,624,306	\$27,746,938
STP-Rural	1,971,751	53.75%	\$40,852,817	\$204,264,085	\$129,457,782	\$74,806,303
	3,668,121	1	\$76,000,000	\$380,000,000		
STP-Urban/STP-Rural Calculations						
Total 206 funding				\$135,000,000		
Minus funding for Safety Program				\$8,000,000		
Urban/Rural funding				\$127,000,000		
Minus funding for TMAs (over 200k population)				\$51,000,000		
Urban/Rural funding remaining				\$76,000,000		

### 2024 Project Ranking

			HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE		Marathon County County Road X Roundabout		City of Schofield Ross Avenue, Schofield Ave to Pine St		V. of Weston Ross Avenue, River Bend to Pauls Ave		City of Wausau 17th Avenue	
QUESTION WEIGHT	QUESTION NUMBER		<i>Points</i>	<i>Calc.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Calc.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Calc.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Calc.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Calc.</i>
20%	1	KEY COMPONENT OF TRANSPORTATION	4	0.8	4	0.8	2	0.4	2	0.4	4	0.8
15%	2	SYSTEM CONDITION	2	0.3	1	0.15	2	0.3	2	0.3	2	0.3
10%	3	PROJECT COORDINATION	2	0.2	2	0.2	0	0	2	0.2	0	0
20%	4	SAFETY	4	0.8	2	0.4	0	0	3	0.6	2	0.4
5%	5	CONGESTION	3	0.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10%	6	FREIGHT	2	0.2	2	0.2	1	0.1	0	0	2	0.2
15%	7	MULTIMODAL	4	0.6	2	0.3	1	0.15	4	0.6	1	0.15
5%	8	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	1	0.05	1	0.05	1	0.05	1	0.05	1	0.05
<b>Total</b>			<b>22</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Rank</b>					<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	

**Wausau MPO STP-Urban 2024-2029**  
Funding Recommendations

**Alternative Scoring**

Muni	Project	Rank	Project Cost*	80%	70%	60%	55%	50%
V. and T. of Weston	Ross Ave. River Bend - Pauls	1	\$ 2,961,974	\$ 2,369,579	\$ 2,073,382	\$ 1,777,184	\$ 1,629,086	\$ 1,480,987
Marathon County	Camp Phillips and Ross	2	\$ 3,360,000	\$ 2,688,000	\$ 2,352,000	\$ 2,016,000	\$ 1,848,000	\$ 1,680,000
City of Wausau	17th Ave.	3	\$ 4,864,810	\$ 3,891,848	\$ 3,405,367	\$ 2,918,886	\$ 2,675,646	\$ 2,432,405
C. Schofield	Ross Ave. Schofield - Pine	4	\$ 1,732,126	\$ 1,385,701	\$ 1,212,488	\$ 1,039,276	\$ 952,669	\$ 866,063
Available	\$ 4,217,564		\$ 12,918,910	\$ 10,335,128	\$ 9,043,237	\$ 7,751,346	\$ 7,105,401	\$ 6,459,455

Scenario 1 (70%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 4,217,564		
Ross Ave. River Bend - Pauls (1)	\$ 2,073,382	70%	\$ 2,144,182
Camp Phillips and Ross (2)	\$ 2,144,182	64%	\$ 0

Scenario 2 (60%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 4,217,564		
Ross Ave. River Bend - Pauls (1)	\$ 1,777,184	60%	\$ 2,440,380
Camp Phillips and Ross (2)	\$ 2,016,000	60%	\$ 424,380
Ross Ave. Schofield - Pine (4)	\$ 424,380	25%	\$ -

Scenario 3 (55%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 4,217,564		
Ross Ave. River Bend - Pauls (1)	\$ 1,629,086	55%	\$ 2,588,478
Camp Phillips and Ross (2)	\$ 1,848,000	55%	\$ 740,478
Ross Ave. Schofield - Pine (4)	\$ 740,478	43%	\$ 0

Scenario 4 (50%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 4,217,564		
Ross Ave. River Bend - Pauls (1)	\$ 1,480,987	50%	\$ 2,736,577
Camp Phillips and Ross (2)	\$ 1,680,000	50%	\$ 1,056,577
Ross Ave. Schofield - Pine (4)	\$ 866,063	50%	\$ 190,514
17th Ave. (3)	\$ 190,514	4%	\$ -

Scenario 5 (80%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 4,217,564		
Ross Ave. River Bend - Pauls (1)	\$ 2,369,579	80%	\$ 1,847,985
Camp Phillips and Ross (2)	\$ 1,847,985	55%	\$ -

\* Participating Roadway Cost, State Review Cost, and Construction Engineering Costs



**2024-2029**

**WAUSAU MPO**

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP-URBAN)  
PROJECTS**

Can be found here:

[S. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue – City of Wausau](#)

[Ross Avenue – City of Schofield](#)

[Ross Avenue/CTH X Roundabout– Marathon County & Village of Weston](#)

[Ross Avenue/Kramer Avenue Roundabout – Village of Weston & Town of Weston](#)



## Wausau MPO - TAP Grant Scoring - 2024

				North Central RPC		Wausau			
Goal	Example	Measure	Scoring	Safe Routes to School	Score	72nd Ave South Extension	Score	Business Campus East-West Connector	Score
Regional Significance	Project connects existing bike/ped infrastructure and is identified as important to the overall network.	Y/N	Y = 2, N = 0	Y	2	N	0	N	0
Bike Plan	Identified in MPO Bike/Ped plan	Y/N	Y = 1, N = 0	N	0	Y	1	N	0
Local Plan	Identified in a local plan.	Y/N	Y = 1, N = 0	N	0	Y	1	Y	1
ROW issues	ROW must be acquired.	High, Medium, Low	H = 1, M = 2, L = 3	L	3	L	3	L	3
Facility Usage	Recreational or transportation.	Transportation utility ranks high, recreational utility ranks lower.	T = 3, M = 2, R = 1	T	3	M	2	M	2
Safety mitigation	Provide a safer alternative. Reduce dangerous crossings.	Y/N	Y = 1, N = 0	Y	1	Y	1	N	0
Safety concern	Project presents potential safety concerns.	Y/N	Y = 0, N = 1	N	1	N	1	N	1
Access	Increases access to existing infrastructure.	Y/N	Y = 1, N = 0	N	0	Y	1	Y	1
Other Issues	Any other concerns.								
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>8</b>



**2024-2028**  
**WAUSAU MPO**  
**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**  
**(TAP) PROJECTS**

Can be found here:

[EW Connector Trail – City of Wausau](#)

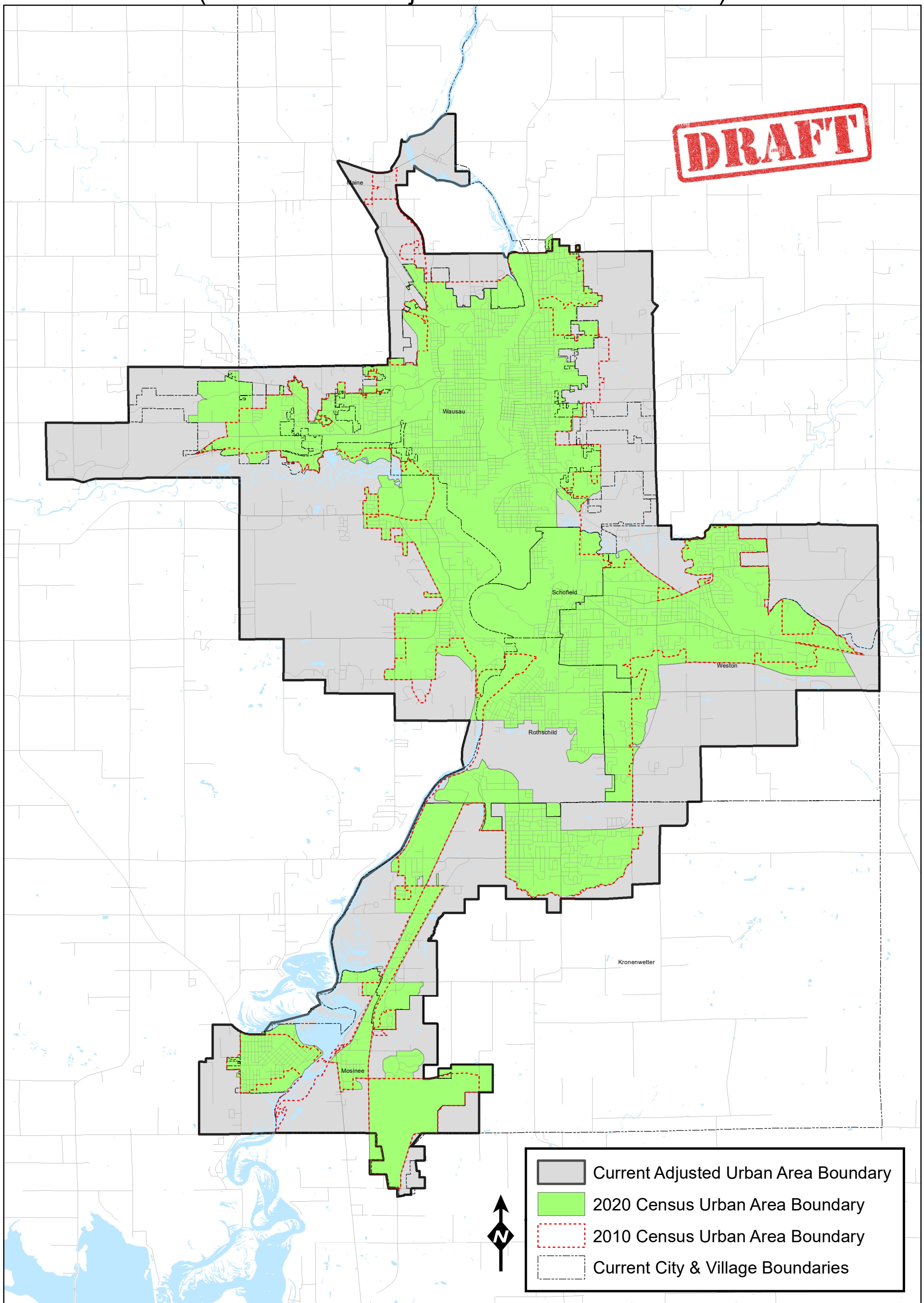
[72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Trail – City of Wausau](#)

[Safe Routes to School Plan \(SRTS\) - NCWRPC](#)

# Wausau Urban Area

(Status Before Adjustment for 2020 Census)

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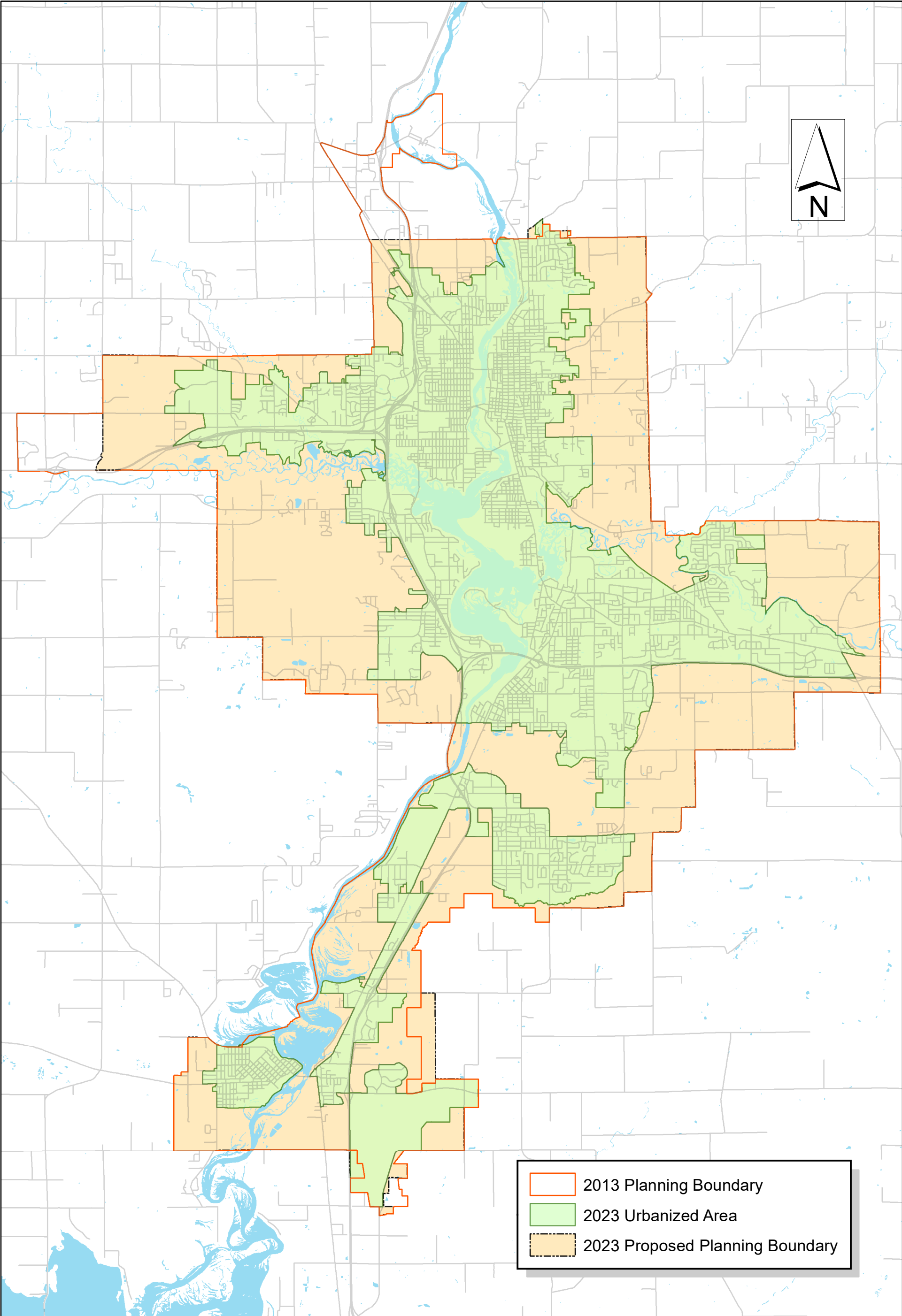


- Current Adjusted Urban Area Boundary
- 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary
- 2010 Census Urban Area Boundary
- Current City & Village Boundaries

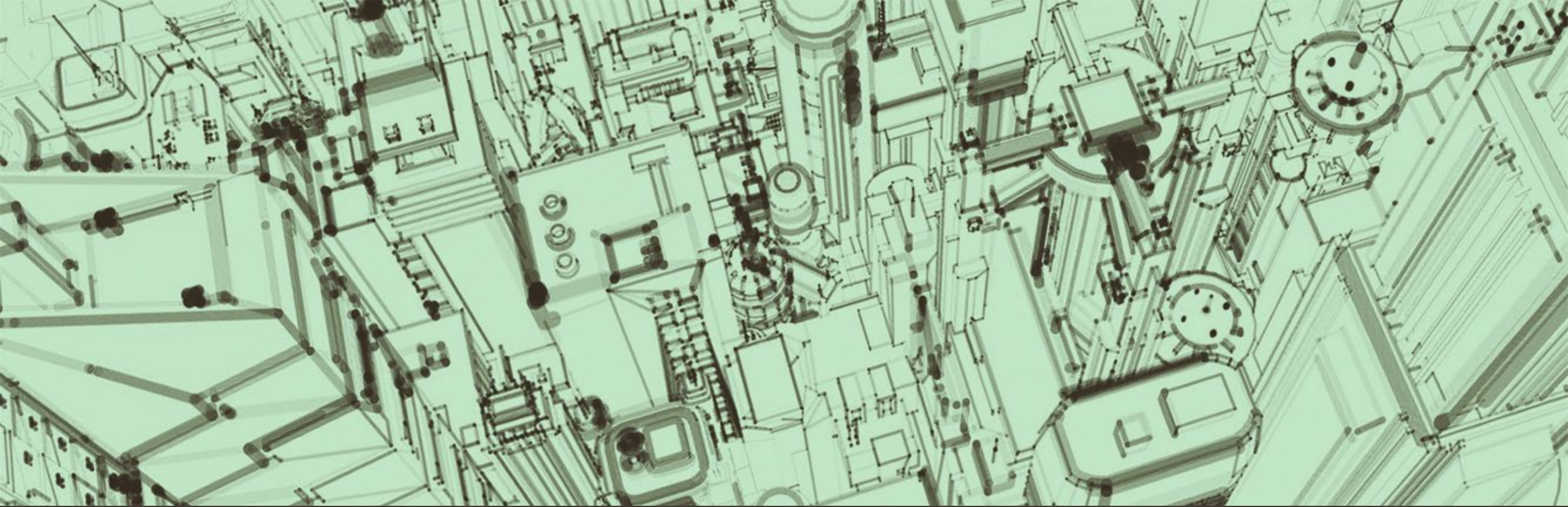
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Population (2020): 77,429  
Housing Units: 34,753  
Map Date: 03/03/2023

# Wausau Proposed Planning Boundary - 2023



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# Bike and Pedestrian Committee Survey Results

Wausau MPO – March 2023



# Question 1

- The group I represent is (Private Citizen, Business, Government Agency, Local Group, Etc):
  - 9 Local Government
  - 1 Healthcare Facility
  - 2 Local Business
  - 1 Private Citizen
  - 1 Engineering Consultant

## Question 2

- Our group is committed to having a representative attend the Wausau MPO Bike and Pedestrian Committee meetings:

Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annually
4	7	3
29%	50%	21%

## Question 3

- We are more likely to attend the Bike and Pedestrian Committee meetings if they are held on a weekday during:

<b>Morning (8-12am)</b>	<b>Afternoon (12-4pm)</b>	<b>Evening (After 5pm)</b>
7	7	3
41%	41%	18%



# Question 4

We are more likely to attend the Bike and Pedestrian Committee meetings if they are held on:



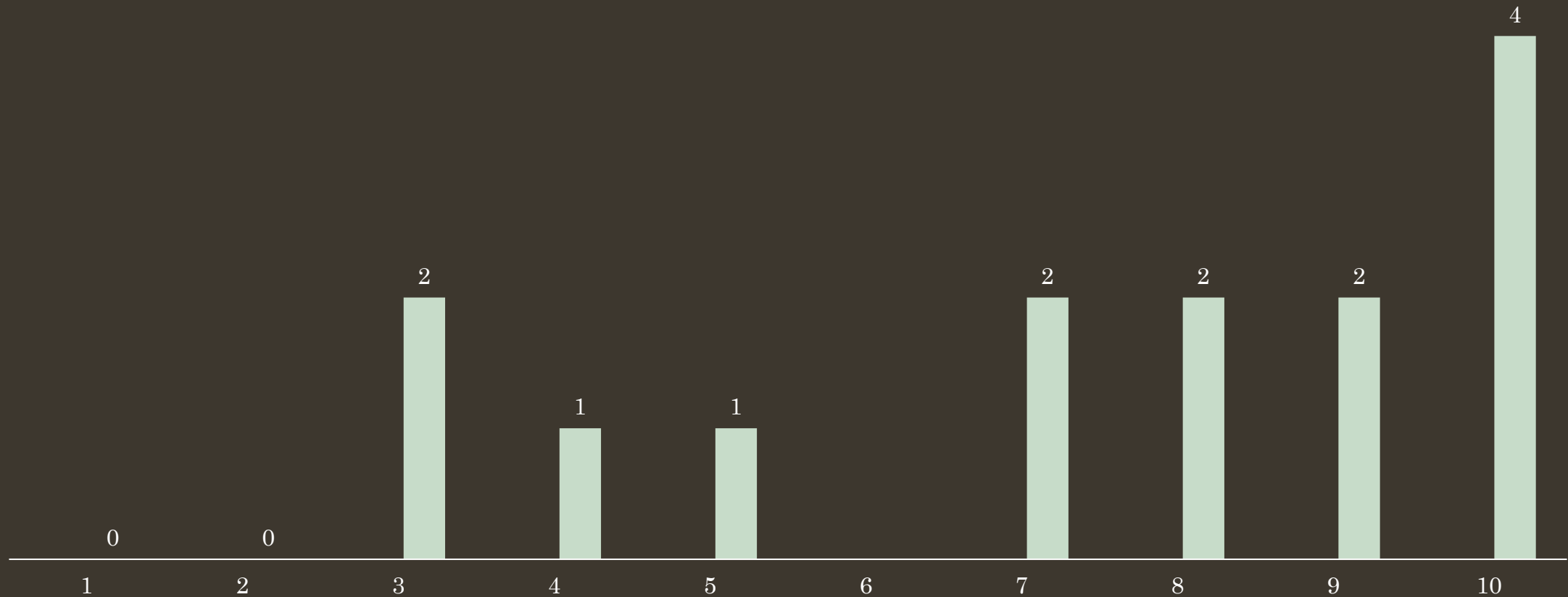
## Question 5

- We are most likely to attend the Bike and Pedestrian Committee meetings via:

<b>Web Program</b>	<b>In-Person</b>
5	8
38%	62%

# Question 6

On a scale of 1-10, how interested are you in continuing to have Bike and Pedestrian Committee meetings (10 being very interested and 1 not interested):



# Question 7

- What should the main purpose/function of this committee be?
  - Planning for community interconnectivity, and strategies funding opportunity.
  - To collaborate with other Communities and attain our goals collectively.
  - Promote facilities for the highest amount of users.
  - Improve bike and pedestrian safety through infrastructure improvements and systems-level change.
  - Safety and Connectivity.
  - Route connectivity, ways to improve the system, regional routes, planning, grant funding, develop ways to make walking/cycling more appealing.
  - Long range regional planning and tactical urbanism for experimentation/ideation without wasting larger sums of money.
  - Safe complete bike route.
  - Safe biking and walking routes and how to connect the routes throughout the MPO boundaries.
  - Set vision - plan – execute.
  - Insure that all routes are well marked and special events are noted well in advance.
  - Moving infrastructure forward, educating the public to the benefits of the infrastructure.

## Question 8

- What approach can be taken by the MPO to ensure greater participation in the Bike and Pedestrian Committee meetings?
  - Get the information out to the public via multiple medias more frequently.
  - Make it part of the diction process, not a rubber stamp group.
  - Get things done.
  - Starting to tackle specific projects to make some progress on the plan.
  - A boots on the ground approach to talk with folks who utilize existing infrastructure in the municipalities for their input and ideas.
  - Improve awareness, City/Town/Village outreach, post meetings at bike shops and parks.
  - Snacks, light eats and social time?
  - Stressing the importance of having the communities work together for long range planning, etc.
  - My experience with the committee is that it's been very bike focused, particularly toward avid cyclists for recreation purposes. I think more attention needs to be paid on the pedestrian side, as well as on things that impact people with limited resources who rely on biking for transportation.