

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
TRANSIT WORK GROUP  
AGENDA**

**December 3rd, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

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

**Members:** Randy Fifrick, Joan Joss, Mark Thuot, Gaylene Rhoden, Ryan VanDeWalle, Becky McElhane, Arran Hersey, Doug Diny, Dave Eckman, Jami Gebert, Michael Wodalski

**Mission/Purpose:** The Transit Planning Work Group (TPWG) are representatives of the communities in the Wausau Metropolitan Area that have the authority and knowledge to discuss the Public Transit System and related components in their community. Through discussion, common issues and concerns will be evaluated and recommendations for goals, objectives, and guidelines for each community will be developed for providing Public Transit in their community and the metro area.

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:**

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**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVE MINIUTES OF AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 2024 MEETING**
- 3. DISCUSSION – UPDATE FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY ON TRANSIT WORK GROUP SLIDES**
- 4. DISCUSSION – TRANSIT WORK GROUP NEXT STEPS**
- 5. 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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**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
TRANSIT WORK GROUP  
MINUTES  
August 20, 2024**

**Meeting Attendance:** Randy Fifrick, George Peterson, Doug Diny, Mark Thuot, Ryan VanDeWalle, Gaylene Rhoden, Arran Hersey, Megan Newman, Jami Gebert, Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, Darryl Landeau

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Fifrick at 2:00pm.

**2. APPROVE MINIUTES OF MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2024, MEETING**

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / THUOT/DINY TO APPROVE THE MAY 30, 2024, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

**3. METRO RIDE PRESENTATION**

Megan Newman provided an overview of the Metro Ride operating parameters.

**4. DISCUSSION – POSSIBLE PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY**

The group discussed whether or not municipalities would want to move forward with a public input survey on expansion of transit. Generally, the feedback indicated that the representatives needed to go back to the policy makers in their communities first to gauge interest in expanding transit. The group asked MPO staff to prepare slides and a brief that they could be used to present to their respective boards. The slides and brief should address the major considerations a municipality would need to know related to expanding transit into their communities, including an understanding of potential routes and cost ranges. The MPO staff can use the 2022 Transit Development Plan to provide some of this information, but the group discussed that figures, etc. would likely require more updated study or research, and would be dependent on routes the community would be interested in.

**Follow-Up:** MPO will prepare slides and brief that the participating communities can use to present to their boards and gauge interest. The considerations and figures will be largely based on the 2022 Transit Development Plan.

**5. TOPICS & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Report back on meetings with respective boards.

**6. IDENTIFY NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME – DOODLE POLL**

The group discussed the next meeting is to be determined, but likely in October or November. It would depend on when the participating municipalities could get feedback from their policy makers.

**7. ADJOURN**

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / THUOT/PETERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:43PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

Aaron Anklam, Transportation Planner  
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning  
Wausau MPO

# Questions?

1. What is the general consensus of this group? As elected officials, is your community interested in continuing to explore bringing public transit to your community?
2. What additional information would be beneficial to you to continue these conversations? (e.g. updated public survey, further evaluation of proposed routes, information on funding...)
3. What kind of collaboration would you look for with other communities in the TWG?

