

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**December 10, 2024
2:00 P.M.**

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

Members: Randy Fifrick – Chair, Dan Helgeson, Allan Opall, Betty Hoenisch, Steve Hagman, Doug Diny, Tim Buttke, Matt Lee Baer, Milton Olson, Chris Voll, Mark Maloney, Brent Jacobson, Kregg Hoehn, Matt Bronson

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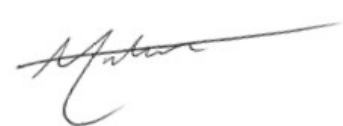
AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION PROGRAM AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN
4. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT
5. TRANSIT WORK GROUP (TWG) UPDATE
6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD
7. ADJOURNMENT

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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EMAIL TIME: 2:00 pm

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MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
October 22nd, 2024

Meeting Attendance: Randy Fifrlick – Chair, Mark Thuot, Greg Ulman, Michael Wodalski, Justin Johnson, Ryan VanDeWalle, Stephanie Jaecks, Tim Buttke, Eric Lindman, Arran Hersey, Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, Jason Nordberg, Chris Voll, Rich Handrick, Jared Grande

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 Fifrlick at 2:01 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.
2. Approve Minutes – September 17, 2024, Commission Meeting
Action: Motion/Second by / Thuot/Ulman to approve the September 17, 2024, Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
3. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Program
Discussion: Anklam presented updates to the draft TIP since the meeting in September, and discussed changes from the DOT and MPO communities that were incorporated into the final document presented today. A list of these changes was also included in today's packet. The TIP held the required 30 days of public comment, which was from September 19th – October 21st. September 26th there was a public meeting here in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau for the public to come in and discuss any questions or concerns they have. The MPO received no public comments on the TIP.
Action: Motion/Second by Buttke/ Wodalski to approve the 2025-2028 TIP as proposed. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
Follow through: MPO staff will submit to the Wisconsin DOT for final acceptance.
4. 2025-2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Discussion: Anklam presented the 2025 UPWP, going over changes since the draft was first presented in September. A list of these changes was also included in the packet for today's meeting.
Action: Motion/Second Ulman/Thuot to approve the 2025 UPWP as proposed. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
Follow through: MPO staff will submit to the Wisconsin DOT for final acceptance. Once a letter of approval is sent by the DOT in January, the municipalities will be sent invoices for their 2025 portion of the local share.
5. Agenda Items for Next Meeting Date – TBD
Discussion: The next meeting should include an update of the Transit Work Group.
6. Adjournment
Action: There being no further business before the members Motion/ Second by Buttke/VanDeWalle to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:17pm. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

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



Wausau MPO

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program and Limited English Proficiency Plan

Can be found here:

<https://wausaumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-Title-VI-Plan-Final.pdf>

Wausau MPO Commission

RESOLUTION # 9-24

APPROVING THE

Title VI Non-Discrimination Program and Limited-English Proficiency Plan

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act signed into law in 2015 is codified in Title 23 Part 450 of the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR 450) and in 49 CFR 613. Section 450.316, Interested Parties, Participation, and Consultation, requires MPOs to develop a participation plan in consultation with all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation regulations require the **Wausau MPO** to establish and maintain a Title VI Program to carry out U.S. Department of Transportation Title VI regulations (49 CFR part 21) and to integrate into its programs and activities considerations expressed in the Department's Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient Persons (70 FR 74087, December 14, 2005); and

WHEREAS, the **Wausau MPO** intends that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any **Wausau MPO** program or activity, regardless of funding source; and

WHEREAS, the **Wausau MPO** will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the **Wausau MPO** approves the ***Title VI Non-Discrimination Program and Limited-English Proficiency Plan*** as being consistent with metropolitan plans and policies.

Dated this 10th day of December 2024



Randy Fifrick, Commission Chairman



Laurie Miskimins, Wausau MPO Director

**AMENDMENT
TO THE
2025-2028
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (TIP)**

**FOR THE
MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION/WAUSAU AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

December 10, 2024

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING

COMMISSION RESOLUTION #10-24

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2028 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 approves the *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program amendments*, and attaches the *2025-2028 TIP Amendment Table 1 and 2 Spreadsheets* as part of this amendment to the 2025-2028 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 10th day of December 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Fifrick'. The signature is stylized with a large 'R' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Randy Fifrick, Commission Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Miskimins'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurie Miskimins, MPO Director, Marathon
County Metro Planning Commission Secretary

2025 - 2028 TABLE 1 AMENDMENT
TIP PROJECT LISTING (\$)
Amendment 12/10/2024

Red text Indicates changes

PRIMARY JURISDICTION/ PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF COST	2025				2026				2027				2028				COMMENTS FOS# & Let Date P=preservation E=expansion
			FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	
Transit Section - Project Additions																			
G	Center for Independent Living	5310 Specialized Transit Projects Mobility Management, Call Center	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$86,096 \$86,096		\$21,524 \$21,524	\$107,620 \$107,620												Call-Center Mobility Management P
		373-25-028		(5310)															
H	Center for Independent Living	5310 Specialized Transit Projects Operating Assistance Volunteer Drivers, Travel Coordination	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$229,589 \$229,589		\$229,589 \$229,589	\$459,178 \$459,178												Operating Assistance P
		373-25-029		(5310)															
I	Opportunity of North Central WI., Inc.	5310 Specialized Transit Projects Vehicle - Replacement Med. Bus Honeycomb	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$116,143 \$116,143		\$38,714 \$38,714	\$154,857 \$154,857												P
		373-25-030		(5310)															
J	North Central Health Care (NCHC)	5310 Specialized Transit Projects Vehicle - Replacement Med. Bus	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$112,880 \$112,880		\$37,627 \$37,627	\$150,507 \$150,507												P
		373-25-031		(5310)															
K	Wheels of Independence	5310 Specialized Transit Projects Vehicle - Replacement Minivan Rear Entry	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$58,727 \$58,727		\$19,576 \$19,576	\$78,303 \$78,303												P
		373-25-032		(5310)															

TABLE 2
Assessment of Available Funding for the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment December 10, 2024

Funding Source		Programmed Expenditures				Estimated Available Funding			
Agency	Program	2025	2026	2027	2028	2025	2026	2027	2028
Federal Highway	NHPP	\$23,632,389	\$14,283,400	\$0	\$13,927,389	\$23,632,389	\$14,283,400	\$0	\$13,927,389
Administration	STBG	\$0	\$1,212,247	\$2,634,977	\$6,092,270	\$0	\$1,212,247	\$2,634,977	\$6,092,270
	BR	\$0	\$2,025,208	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,025,208	\$0	\$0
	IM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TAP	\$2,326,717	\$847,937	\$0	\$0	\$2,326,717	\$847,937	\$0	\$0
	CRP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	HSIP	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0
	WEVI	\$885,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$885,428	\$0	\$0	\$0
	OCR	\$178,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178,265	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals		\$27,202,799	\$18,548,792	\$2,814,977	\$20,019,659	\$27,202,799	\$18,548,792	\$2,814,977	\$20,019,659
Totals	Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$27,202,799	\$19,092,272	\$2,979,935	\$21,779,387	\$27,202,799	\$19,092,272	\$2,979,935	\$21,779,387

Federal Transit Administration	Section 5307 -- Wausau Urbanized Area	\$1,418,551	\$1,461,107	\$1,490,329	\$1,621,329	\$1,418,551	\$1,461,107	\$1,490,329	\$1,621,329
	Section 5310	\$603,435	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$603,435	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Section 5339	\$3,570,424	\$2,834,955	\$0	\$0	\$3,570,424	\$2,834,955	\$0	\$0
	Section 5307 - Other	\$109,681	\$111,875	\$114,112	\$124,142	\$109,681	\$111,875	\$114,112	\$124,142
Totals		\$5,702,091	\$4,407,937	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471	\$5,702,091	\$4,407,937	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471
Totals	Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$5,702,091	\$4,537,090	\$1,698,461	\$1,898,898	\$5,702,091	\$4,537,090	\$1,698,461	\$1,898,898

Wausau CY2025 Section 5310 Specialized Transit Projects

Subrecipient	Counties Served	Project Type	Project Detail	Award	Local Match	MPO
Center for Independent Living -	Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Crawford, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Grant, Iowa, Iron, Jackson, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Richland, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Vilas, Washburn, Wood	Mobility Management	Call-center; mobility management	\$ 86,096	\$ 21,524	Duluth-Superior, Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire, Wausau, La Crosse
		Operating Assistance	Volunteer Drivers; Travel Coordination	\$ 229,589	\$ 229,589	

The Center has grown geographically to one of the largest volunteer driver and voucher program in the nation. The program currently staffs, 1 full time Transportation Director/Regional Mobility Manager, 1 full time Transportation Program Coordinator, 1 Transportation Program Assistant, 5 full time Transportation Specialist who do dispatching and information and referral in a 42 county service area in North Western and Central Wisconsin. The Center's transportation programs operate 7 days a week 24 hours a day. (Which would include weekends and holidays) These hours insure that all riders get their unmet needs taken care of when other programs are closed. The Center has found that the riders need flexible transportation options and provides these services to meet their ever-changing needs. The Center can also provide rides that cross state lines and boundaries that other programs cannot.

Opportunity of North Central WI., Inc.	Marathon, Wood	Vehicle - Replacement	Med. Bus Honeycomb	\$ 116,143	\$ 38,714	Wausau
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Opportunity Inc. provides accessible transportation for individuals with disabilities to and from their homes, to places of employment, to medical/dental appointments, to the pharmacy, to the store so they can purchase their necessities and for socialization and recreational opportunities to prevent isolation and loneliness. Our entire fleet is aging. We have only five vehicles newer than 2015 and the majority of our fleet is made up of vehicles from 2010, 2009, and 2008. We have increased our efficiencies to utilize our current fleet, however, we anticipate that we will have to continue to retire vehicles due to severe rusting problems.

North Central Health Care	Marathon	Vehicle - Replacement	Med. Bus	\$ 112,880	\$ 37,627	Wausau
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North Central Health Care is a multi-county governmental organization which provides mental health and addiction services, 2 nursing homes, a heated therapy pool, Adult Protective Services, Supportive Employment Services and the Marathon County 85.21 Transportation Program. Our organization was founded in 1972 to offer services to Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade Counties in Central Wisconsin. The Marathon County Transportation program run by North Central Health Care is the primary provider of medical and nutritional trips for elderly and disabled people in Marathon County. Our county is the largest in Wisconsin landmass-wise, roughly 30 miles by 60 miles. There is an abundance of area to cover!

Wheels of Independence	Wood, Marathon, Portage	Vehicle - Replacement	Minivan Rear Entry	\$ 58,727	\$ 19,576	Wausau
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Since 1985, Wheels of Independence, Inc. has offered non-emergency transportation service 24 hours-per-day, 7 days per week. Appointments are prescheduled Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with weekend service available. Transportation service is a combination of pre-scheduled and demand-response, with all trips providing door-through-door service.