



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Meeting Attendance:** Randy Fifrlick – Chair, Gaylene Rhoden – Vice Chair, Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, Morgan Arnold, Andrew Lynch, Dave Phelps, Dave Baker, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Ryan VanDeWalle, Mark Thuot, Jared Grande, Thomas Schumacher, Doug Diny

1. Call Meeting 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 2:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Public Comment

Discussion: No Public Comment

3. Approve Minutes – April 15, 2025, MPO Commission Meeting

**Action: Motion/Second by Thuot/Rhoden to approve April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, MPOC Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

4. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Commission Action

A. Domtar Dam Project – Letter of Support

Discussion: Follow up to the conversation from our last meeting. Diny asked about whether we should send to State officials as well as Federal officials. Rhoden agreed it should be sent to state officials as well. The group agreed the letter should go to Senator Baldwin, State Representatives Snyder and Jacobsen, and State Senator Tomczyk.

**Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/Diny to approve the Domtar Dam Project Letter of Support and send to Senator Baldwin and State Officials (Pat Snyder and Cory Tomczyk and Brent Jacobson). Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

B. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Opportunity

Discussion: Anklam sent an email with some additional detailed information on the SS4A grant. Anklam gave some background on how the funding works and detailed the ask from each MPO community. In-kind match is 3-4 hours a month of staff time from each community but would be scaled based on size of the community. It is also assumed that county staff not funded by the MPO, would contribute a significant amount of in-kind match.

**Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/Thuot to direct staff to apply for the SS4A Grant Opportunity to conduct an MPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

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### 5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

#### A. Wausau MPO Bike/Ped Subcommittee

Discussion: Anklam sent an email about the Bike/Ped Subcommittee. It included some initial topics, along with proposing that the committee meet every other month beginning sometime in June. The proposed time is 1-2pm every second Tuesday of the month right before the MPO Meeting. Rhoden said they have their Bike/Ped meeting on Thursday, so they don't have an exact answer at this time on who their representative will be. Lynch said that they can get staff to this meeting time and continue to support this committee. Baker sent an email to each committee and their board, and the only issue is that the time wouldn't work, it would work better in the evenings. Dave Muerett said he would be able to attend these meetings as well. MPO staff will continue to work on this and discuss more at our next meeting in June.

### 6. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting Date

#### A. Next Meeting Date and Time – June 10, 2025, at 2:00pm

Discussion:

#### B. Future Agenda Items – Members are asked to bring items for future discussion.

Discussion:

### 7. Adjournment

**Action: There being no further business before the members Motion/Second by Rhoden/Diny to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:15pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

Submitted by:  
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