



MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA



Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 2:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403**

Members: Randy Fifrick – Chair, Allen Opall (Designee, Gaylene Rhoden – Vice Chair), Dan Helgeson, Betty Hoenisch, Steve Hagman, Doug Diny, Tim Buttke, Matt Lee Baer, David Phelps, David Baker, Mark Maloney, Gregg Hoehn, Pete Nievinski, Matthew Bronson

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2025, MPO Commission Meeting**
- 4. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Commission Action**
 - A. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
- 5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion**
 - A. Domtar Dam Letter of Support - Update
 - B. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant - Update
 - C. Wausau MPO Bike/Ped Subcommittee
 - D. Wausau MPO Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Survey
 - E. STP-Urban and TAP
- 6. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Next Meeting Date and Time – TBD
 - B. Future Agenda Items – Members are asked to bring items for future discussion
- 7. Adjournment**

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DATE: 6/3/2025

EMAIL TIME: 11:00am

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PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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DATE & TIME: _____



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
May 13th, 2025**

Meeting Attendance: Randy Fifrick – 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 Fifrick 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 15th, 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:
Aaron Anklam, Transportation Planner
Wausau MPO
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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

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

June 10, 2025

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING

COMMISSION RESOLUTION #2-25

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 *Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) 2025 awards for: Forward Service Corporation (FSC), Southwestern WI Community Action Program (SWCAP), and WI Auto & Truck, and attaches the 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Tables 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 June 2025

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. F.' with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Randy Fifrick, Commission Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style that reads 'Laurie Miskimins'.

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

2025 - 2028 TABLE 1 AMENDMENT
TIP PROJECT LISTING (\$)
Amendment 6/10/2025

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

L	WisDOT Transit Marathon County	Mobility Management and Vehicle Loans AND Operating	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$789,831	\$224,358	\$1,014,189													P
	WETAP Forward Service Corp	**Project does not include direct funding from Marathon County or any Marathon County municipality** 373-25-035	TOTAL	\$789,831	\$224,358	\$1,014,189													**Marathon County is not the sole county being serviced by this award. Award is distributed among 50 WI counties**
				(5307 - Other)															
M	WisDOT Transit Marathon County	Mobility Management and Vehicle Loans AND Operating	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$941,243	\$318,040	\$1,259,283													P
	WETAP Southwestern WI Community Action Program (SWCAP)	**Project does not include direct funding from Marathon County or any Marathon County municipality** 373-25-036	TOTAL	\$941,243	\$318,040	\$1,259,283													**Marathon County is not the sole county being serviced by this award. Award is distributed among 34 WI counties**
				(5307 - Other)															
N	WisDOT Transit Marathon County	Mobility Management and Vehicle Loans AND Operating	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$253,560	\$70,436	\$323,996													P
	WETAP WI Auto and Truck	**Project does not include direct funding from Marathon County or any Marathon County municipality** 373-25-037	TOTAL	\$253,560	\$70,436	\$323,996													
				(5307 - Other)															

TABLE 2

Assessment of Available Funding for the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program - Amendment June 10 2025

Funding Source		Programmed Expenditures				Funding Source		Estimated Available Funding		
Agency	Program	2025	2026	2027	2028	Program	2025	2026	2027	2028
Federal Highway	NHPP	\$23,632,389	\$14,283,400	\$0	\$13,927,389	NHPP	\$23,632,389	\$14,283,400	\$0	\$13,927,389
Administration	STBG	\$0	\$1,212,247	\$2,634,977	\$6,092,270	STBG	\$0	\$1,212,247	\$2,634,977	\$6,092,270
	BR	\$0	\$2,025,208	\$0	\$0	BR	\$0	\$2,025,208	\$0	\$0
	IM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	IM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TAP	\$2,326,717	\$847,937	\$0	\$0	TAP	\$2,326,717	\$847,937	\$0	\$0
	CRP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	CRP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	HSIP	\$351,703	\$180,000	\$832,590	\$0	HSIP	\$351,703	\$180,000	\$832,590	\$0
	WEVI	\$885,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	WEVI	\$885,428	\$0	\$0	\$0
	OCR	\$178,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	OCR	\$178,265	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals		\$27,374,502	\$18,548,792	\$3,467,567	\$20,019,659	Totals	\$27,374,502	\$18,548,792	\$3,467,567	\$20,019,659
Totals	Program Expenditures Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$27,374,502	\$19,092,272	\$3,670,766	\$21,779,387	Estimated Available Funding Inflated by 2.00% Annually	\$27,374,502	\$18,871,541	\$3,588,238	\$21,064,685

Federal Transit Administration	Section 5307 – Wausau Urbanized Area	\$1,418,551	\$1,461,107	\$1,490,329	\$1,621,329	Section 5307 -- Wausau Urbanized Area	\$1,418,551	\$1,461,107	\$1,490,329	\$1,621,329
	Section 5310	\$603,435	\$0	\$0	\$0	Section 5310	\$603,435	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Section 5339	\$3,570,424	\$2,834,955	\$0	\$0	Section 5339	\$3,570,424	\$2,834,955	\$0	\$0
	Section 5307 - Other	\$2,064,530	\$111,875	\$114,112	\$124,142	Section 5307 - Other	\$2,064,530	\$111,875	\$114,112	\$124,142
Totals		\$7,656,940	\$4,407,937	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471	Totals	\$7,656,940	\$4,407,937	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471
Totals	Program Expenditures Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$7,656,940	\$4,537,090	\$1,698,461	\$1,898,898	Estimated Available Funding Inflated by 2.00% Annually	\$7,656,940	\$4,484,635	\$1,660,276	\$1,836,585

The four-year totals indicate that estimated funding is reasonably expected to be available in comparison to programmed expenditures for the 2025-2028 TIP. There are a few instances where programmed funding appears to exceed estimated available funding when comparing amounts from year to year. In general, this can be attributed to differences in applied inflation rates between revenue and expenditures. There are also instances where projects have been selected and programmed in the previous TIP, but have not yet been completed and remain in the TIP but do not require additional funding (such as transit capital projects). For NHPP funding, this could be attributed to larger projects, such as freeway reconstruction projects, programmed by WisDOT in the four years of the TIP that can be authorized using Advance Construction allowance from FHWA or funded through alternate funding sources not indicated within this fiscal constraint report. Additionally, the years in the TIP represent calendar years but the State fiscal year runs from July 1 of a year to June 30 of the following year. Depending on what proportion of available Federal funding is scheduled in the two halves of the State fiscal year, it could appear that more funding is being scheduled for obligation than what is estimated for a particular calendar year.

2025 Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) Contact List			
Organization Name	Counties in Service Area	Work Transportation Services	Contacts
Advocap	Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Winnebago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Car-pools • Travel Vouchers • Help finding transportation 	Kathy Doyle 920-922-7760 ext. 3532 kathy.doyle@advocap.org
Couleecap	Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe and Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Help finding transportation 	Ashley Lacenski 608-782-5520 ashley.lacenski@couleecap.org
DorTran	Door	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Help finding transportation 	Nicole Voight 920-743-9999 mobility@door-tran.org
Forward Services Corporation	Adams, Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Door, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lafayette, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon , Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Price, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Shawano, Sheboygan, Taylor, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Help finding transportation 	Meri Tawawaili 920-292-1336 mtawawili@fsc-corp.org Vickie McParlon 608.665.9118 vmcparlon@fsc-corp.org
Kenosha Achievement Center	Kenosha, Racine and Walworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Help finding transportation 	Gary Eckstein 262-658-9568 geckstein@thekac.com
Lutheran Social Services	Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca and Winnebago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van pools • Travel Vouchers • Help finding transportation 	Shannon Zwitter 920-225-1726 shannon.zwitter@lsswis.org
Milwaukee Career Cooperative	Within a 45-mile radius of the City of Milwaukee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer van pools • Help finding transportation 	David Smulyan david@mccjobs.org 414-937-8260 extn. 1
Newcap	Brown, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Car-pools • Taxi vouchers • Help finding transportation. 	Carrie Hill 800-242-7334 carriehill@newcap.org Debbie Bushman 800-242-7334 debbiebushman@newcap.org
SWCAP (Work N Wheels)	Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Lafayette, Marathon , Marquette, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Waupaca, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara and Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Car-pools • Help finding transportation 	Jeff Segebrecht 608-935-2326 extn. 220 j.segebrecht@swcap.org
Wisconsin Auto and Truck Education Association	Marathon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Taxi vouchers • Help finding transportation 	Amy Yessa 715-581-9283 exec@watea.org
Western Dairyland	Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson and Trempealeau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car purchase loans • Car repair loans • Help finding transportation 	Katie Hulbert 715-985-2391 extn.1203 katie.hulbert@wdeoc.org
YWCA	Dane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van pool • Help finding transportation 	Andrea Zea (608) 395-2196 azea@ywcamadison.org Ashley Moncrief 608-395-2184 amoncrief@ywcamadison.org

From: [Eric Donaldson](#)
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Aaron-

I live in the Village of Kronenwetter and work at Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District.

I am interested in being on the bike/ped subcommittee. I prefer the meetings be on a Thursday or Friday. If they are on 2nd Tuesday, I would probably use the Teams option to attend the meetings as we have our monthly Commissioner Board meetings that day at 11:30.

You can reach me at any of the following:

eric.rmmsd@ribmountainmetro.com

Office: 715-359-7852

Cell: 715-573-6722

Later-

Eric.

Wausau MPO Partner Community Survey: Use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Purpose:

The Wausau MPO is conducting a short survey to better understand how our partner communities are currently using, planning to use, or are interested in learning more about Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Your responses will help guide future planning and collaboration efforts.

What is ITS?

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) uses technology to improve efficiency, safety, and management of transportation. Examples include:

- Smart traffic signals that adjust to traffic
- Cameras at intersections or roads to monitor traffic
- Flashing signs near schools or crosswalks
- Speed signs that show how fast you're going
- Pedestrian sensors that trigger crosswalk lights
- Sensors in the road to detect cars
- Dynamic message signs to communicate conditions, directions, or other information

Section 1: Background & Use of ITS:

1. How familiar are you with ITS?

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Heard of it, but not sure what it is
- ☐ Not familiar at all

2. Is your community currently using any ITS?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

3. If yes, which of the following ITS does your community currently use?

- ☐ Traffic signal coordination
- ☐ Flashing beacons or school zone signals
- ☐ Traffic cameras
- ☐ Speed feedback signs
- ☐ Dynamic message signs
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Not applicable

4. Who maintains or manages the ITS in your community?

- ☐ Municipal Staff
- ☐ WisDOT
- ☐ Not Sure
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Not applicable

Section 2: Needs & Interest

5. Is your community interested in using ITS to help with things such as:

- ☐ Improving traffic flow
- ☐ Enhancing safety at busy intersections
- ☐ Reducing congestion
- ☐ Collecting data to support future road projects
- ☐ Work zone management
- ☐ Traveler information
- ☐ Event management
- ☐ Parking management
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Not interested at this time

6. What barriers, if any, would your community face in implementing ITS?

- ☐ Cost/funding
- ☐ Lack of staff/technical expertise
- ☐ Uncertainty about benefits
- ☐ Maintenance responsibilities
- ☐ Not a current priority
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 3: Regional Coordination

7. Is your community interested in learning more about ITS?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

8. What kind of support would be helpful from the MPO?

- ☐ Help understanding what's available
- ☐ Help finding funding or grants
- ☐ Shared services or coordination with other communities
- ☐ Technical advice
- ☐ Partnering/coordination on piloting new technology
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 4: Final Thoughts

9. Are there any other comments, questions, or feedback you'd like to share regarding ITS in your community?

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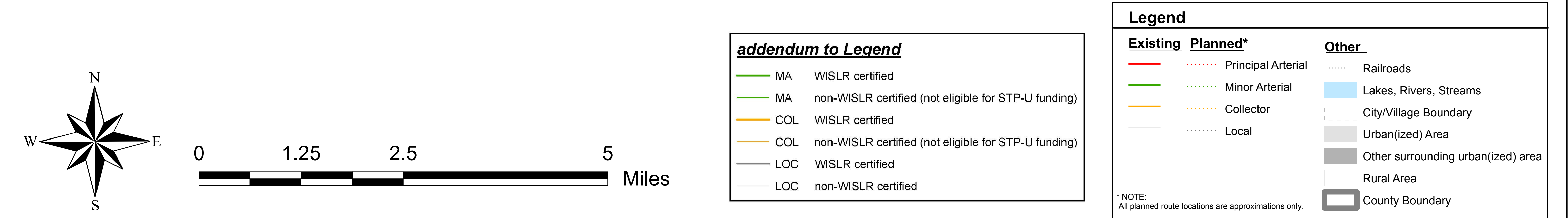
Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) Information:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/stp-urban.aspx>

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Information:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/aid/tap.aspx>

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