



MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 10th, 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 Meuret, Ryan VanDeWalle, Arran Hersey, Tim Buttke, Greg Ulman, Brad Lenz, Jeff Gates, Jami Gebert, Jason Nordberg, Allen Wesolowski

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 Given or Received.

3. Approve Minutes: May 13, 2025, MPO Commission Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/Buttke to approve May 13th, 2025, MPOC Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Commission Action

A. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: Anklam stated there are 3 projects being amended into the TIP. The projects came from WisDOT transit and consist of WETAP awards given to organizations that service Marathon County. Anklam gave a brief overview of the 3 projects and organizations. It was noted that local match amounts are not paid by Marathon County or any Marathon County municipality.

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/Buttke to approve the 2025-2028 TIP Amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

A. Domtar Dam Letter of Support – Update

Discussion: Anklam stated that a letter of support was sent to Pat Synder, Brent Jacobson, Cory Tomczyk, Tammy Baldwin, and Ron Johnson. Staff also sent copies to Domtar Dam manager, Dave Faucett.

B. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant – Update

Discussion: Anklam gave an update to the SS4A grant application. Staff are currently working on putting together the required documents and forms for the application. Staff anticipates submitting the application by the end of this week. It was also noted that staff informed ERC and County Infrastructure about the intent to submit the application.

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C. Wausau MPO Bike/Ped Subcommittee

Discussion: Anklam stated that he has heard from a handful of communities about who their representative will be. Anklam asked if you have an individual that you would like to represent your community for the subcommittee, please email him by the end of the week with that person's contact information. Anklam stated that they still need to decide on a date and time for a meeting schedule. This will be done when staff has a complete member list. Reminder from Chairperson Fifrlick for all municipalities to get their designated individuals assigned and let staff know.

D. Wausau MPO Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Survey

Discussion: Miskimins stated that the survey will help the MPO gather information on how our communities are using ITS and will use this information to help individuals get connected to funding opportunities and pilot opportunities. Staff will also use this information when we update our long-range transportation plan in 2026. If anyone has any suggestions to add to this survey, please email staff with your suggestions by next Friday June 20th, 2025. Fifrlick noted that he liked the length of the survey and suggested adding a few more examples of ITS in the introduction of the survey.

E. STP-Urban and TAP

Discussion: Anklam stated that the 2026-2031 STP Urban application is now available and closes October 31, 2025. TAP is expected to open later this week or early next week and close on the same day. Anklam stated that staff does not yet know how much the MPO is allocated for these grants but will send the group an email when that information becomes available. Anklam then gave a brief explanation on the STP-U and TAP grants.

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – TBD

Discussion: Staff stated as of now we don't have anything for the July 8, 2025, Meeting. Unless something comes requiring commission action we likely will not have the July 8th Meeting. Staff will keep the group informed regarding our next meeting.

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

Discussion: No discussion.

7. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Rhoden to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:17pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
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