



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes – October 14, 2025**

Attendees: MaKayla Galecki, Laurie Miskimins, Aaron Anklam, Kevin Lang, Darryl Landeau, Ryan VanDeWalle, Michael Wodalski, Mark Thuot, Eric Lindman, Brad Lenz, Dave Meurett, Randy Fifrick, Sydney Turner, Kurt Schoen, Jeff Gates, Allen Wesolowski

1. Call Meeting to Order

The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Anklam at 1:02 PM in the Wisconsin Room at 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2025, MPOTAC Meeting

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY THUOT/VANDEWALLE TO APPROVE AUGUST 12, 2025 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

3. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Committee Action

A. Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Discussion

Discussion:

Official deadline to apply for STP-Urban is October 31st. So, MPO will act on funding decisions at the November meeting. Three preliminary applications have been submitted; one from the City of Wausau, one from the City of Schofield, and one from the Village of Weston.

With the estimated availability of approximately \$1.875 million for STP-Urban projects, and FHWA policy that requires a project awarded get no less than 50% of the eligible construction costs, two of the projects as proposed could not be funded. Both municipalities have been approached about the possibility of revising scope to a project that could be funded. The City of Wausau intends to revise. The Village of Weston will likely not revise.

The applicant municipalities were also asked to share anything on policies they might have related to percentage of funding they would accept, and/or if they had the local funding to afford 50% of their projects. Wausau has a policy of needing at least 70% federal funding on any project they would accept funds to construct. Schofield said they would likely take any percent funding offered, as they intend to do the project regardless.

ACTION: NONE AT THIS TIME.

Follow through: Final funding decisions will be made by the MPO Planning Commission at the November meeting. The City of Wausau intends to revise and resubmit their application at a smaller project extent and lower cost.

B. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) 2026-2030 Program Cycle Project Rankings

Discussion:

Three projects were submitted, one from the City of Wausau, one from the Village of Rothschild, and one from the Village of Weston. The MPO does not pick which projects get funding, only send rankings to the state. It is unknown how much TAP funding is available. The Village of Weston project might also be eligible for STP-Urban, if additional funds were available through that program.

It was discussed that future criteria might want to consider whether something like acquisition of ROW is not a 'negative' point value, as sometimes communities are applying because they need the help and funds to get the project done. The committee can discuss new criteria in advance of the next call for projects.

The MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian committee was asked for comment on the projects, but no comments have been submitted thus far. The TAC will take up recommendations at the November meeting to allow time for comments from the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian committee.

ACTION: None at this time.

Follow through: The ranking recommendations to the state will be taken up by the MPO Planning Commission at the November meeting.

4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

5. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Future Agenda Items

A. Next Meeting Date & Time – Tuesday, November 11th, 2025, at 1:00 PM

B. Future Agenda Items – STP-U and TAP Project Rankings

6. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION / SECOND BY THUOT/SCHOEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 1:34PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Submitted by:
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