



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 11th, 2025**

Meeting Attendance: Randy Fifrick, Chair; Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, MaKayla Galecki, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meuret, Ryan VanDeWalle, Brad Lenz, Allen Wesolowski, Mark Thuot, Sydney Turner, David Phelps, Gaylene Rhoden, Michael Wodalski

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. Approval of Minutes: October 14, 2025, MPO Commission Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Thuot to approve October 14, 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 reviewed the three projects in the proposed TIP amendment, put forth by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Wisconsin DOT and Anklam clarified a couple project details.

Action: Motion/Second by Thuot/Rhoden to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

B. Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Rankings

Discussion:

Anklam recapped the applications received from the City of Wausau, the Village of Weston, and the City of Schofield. Anklam noted the funding available in this cycle was small, limiting funding allocation scenarios. Anklam recapped the discussion at the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (MPO TAC), sharing the MPO TAC recommended moving forward Scenario 2, 60% to Wausau and 60% to Schofield. The City of Wausau noted they felt this scenario was not reflective of the rankings of the project, by giving the same level of funding to projects ranked first and third.

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/Thuot to approve the Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Rankings as presented and recommended by the MPO TAC. Motion carried by voice vote, one dissent, one abstention.

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Follow-up: Confirm with City of Wausau and City of Schofield ability/willingness to accept project funding at 60% and then move forward to state or bring back to the MPO TAC and MPO for further discussion.

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

Discussion:

Anklam reviewed the three applications from the City of Wausau, the Village of Weston/Marathon County, and the Village of Rothschild; this was also the ranking order of the projects. Anklam recapped MPO TAC discussion that suggested the City of Wausau and the Village of Weston should be ranked equally due to a Safe Routes to School study that affirms the need for and importance of the Village of Weston Project.

The recommendation that was moved forward from the MPO TAC was to rank/recommend to the state both the City of Wausau and the Village of Weston projects as “number one,” followed by Rothschild. Anklam reiterated that the MPO only recommends projects and rankings to the state, and the state ultimately determines which projects will receive funding.

The City of Wausau noted that the criteria for TAP projects need to be evaluated for what should be included and how it should be weighed in the next cycle to bring more clarity to the final ranking selection process.

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/Wodalski to approve the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) 2026-2030 Program Cycle Project Rankings as presented and recommended by the MPO TAC and move that recommendation forward to the state. Motion carried by voice vote, one dissent, one abstention.

5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, at 2:00 PM

B. Future Agenda Items

7. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Rhoden/VanDeWalle to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:14pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
Aaron Anklam, Transportation Planner
Wausau MPO