



MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA



Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, December 9, 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, Mark Maloney, Dan Joling, Kregg Hoehn, Pete Nievinski, Matthew Bronson

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of Minutes: November 11, 2025, MPO Planning Commission Meeting**
- 4. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Commission Action**
 - A. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
 - B. Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Rankings Discussion
- 5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion**
 - A. Wausau MPO Website
 - B. Bike/Ped Sub-Committee Update (Bicycle Passport)
 - C. 2027 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
 - D. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- 6. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 2:00 PM
 - B. Future Agenda Items
- 7. Adjournment**

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**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

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

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

December 9, 2025

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING

COMMISSION RESOLUTION #8-25

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 *2026 PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets and attaches the 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1) Chart* 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 9th day of December 2025

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Randy Fifrick, Commission Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Miskimins'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Amendment 12/9/2025

Red Text Indicates Changes

Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1) –

With this TIP document, the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization resolves to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the WisDOT's calendar year 2026 Safety Performance Measure target(s) are as follows:

- Number of fatalities – 587.0,
- Rate of fatalities – 0.911 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled,
- Number of serious injuries – 3,163.0,
- Rate of serious injuries – 4.902 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, and
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries – 392.4.

The MPO's projects related to safety can be seen below in several TIP projects. Additionally, the MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban (STBG-U) selection process uses criteria that include safety performance and improvements, including for multimodal enhancement. Future decisions within the TIP development process will be made with these targets in consideration.



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TO: Wisconsin Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)
FROM: WisDOT DTIM Bureau of Planning and Economic Development (BPED)
SUBJECT: CY2026 PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets
DATE: November 6, 2025

Pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has established statewide targets for the federal performance measures intended to assess performance of the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program; 23 CFR Part 490. The 2026 targets (five-year rolling averages) for the five safety performance measures are identified below in Exhibit A.

Exhibit A
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Performance Measure	2020 – 2024 Baseline Averages	2026 Safety Targets (2% Reduction)
Number of Fatalities	599.0	587.0
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT	0.930	0.911
Number of Serious Injuries	3,227.6	3,163.0
Rate of Serious Injury per 100 million VMT	5.002	4.902
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	400.4	392.4

STP 2026-2031 Program Cycle

*Please note that these numbers represent estimates for planning purposes only, as future programmatic funding levels are dependent on forthcoming Congressional and Wisconsin State Legislative actions.

**As of 9/22/2025 - The Wisconsin Financial Integrated Improvement Program System (FIIPs) at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is updated daily, thus fluctuations from day-to-day may occur.

MPO Funding Allocations						
50K-200K	Population	%	Allotment	Cycle Budget (5 yrs)	Current Projects	Available Allocation
Beloit, WI--IL	44,092	4.98%	\$1,010,121	\$5,050,603	\$4,764,772	\$285,831
Eau Claire, WI	105,475	11.91%	\$2,416,367	\$12,081,836	\$2,656,357	\$9,425,480
Fond du Lac, WI	54,731	6.18%	\$1,253,854	\$6,269,268	\$3,551,547	\$2,717,720
Janesville, WI	72,285	8.16%	\$1,656,005	\$8,280,024	\$5,933,143	\$2,346,881
Kenosha, WI	125,865	14.21%	\$2,883,490	\$14,417,448	\$6,059,059	\$8,358,389
La Crosse, WI--MN	93,411	10.54%	\$2,139,988	\$10,699,942	\$3,994,600	\$6,705,342
Oshkosh, WI	76,190	8.60%	\$1,745,466	\$8,727,330	\$4,080,713	\$4,646,617
Racine, WI	134,877	15.22%	\$3,089,949	\$15,449,745	\$5,611,069	\$9,838,676
Sheboygan, WI	74,369	8.39%	\$1,703,748	\$8,518,740	\$3,565,240	\$4,953,500
Superior (Duluth, MN)	27,191	3.07%	\$622,929	\$3,114,645	\$1,236,382	\$1,878,263
Wausau, WI	77,429	8.74%	\$1,773,851	\$8,869,254	\$6,994,088	\$1,875,166
	885,915	100%	\$20,295,767	\$101,478,835	\$48,446,970	\$53,031,865

TMA Funding Allocations						
200+K	Population	%	Allotment	Cycle Budget (5 yrs)	Current Projects	Available Allocation
Appleton, WI	230,967	10.38%	\$5,291,312	\$26,456,558	\$8,550,418	\$17,906,140
Green Bay, WI	224,156	10.07%	\$5,135,276	\$25,676,379	\$17,233,916	\$8,442,463
Madison, WI	450,305	20.23%	\$10,316,210	\$51,581,051	\$31,769,787	\$19,811,264
Milwaukee, WI	1,306,795	58.72%	\$29,937,868	\$149,689,341	\$77,473,116	\$72,216,225
Minneapolis--St. Paul, MN--WI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0	n/a
Round Lake Beach--McHenry--Grayslake, IL--WI	13,374	0.60%	\$306,390	\$1,531,950	\$0	\$1,531,950
	2,225,597	100%	\$50,987,056	\$254,935,280	\$135,027,237	\$119,908,043

Wausau MPO STP-Urban 2026-2031
Funding Recommendations

Muni	Project	Rank	Construction Cost*	80%	70%	60%	55%	50%
City of Wausau	S. 17th Ave	1	\$ 2,209,800	\$ 1,767,840	\$ 1,546,860	\$ 1,325,880	\$ 1,215,390	\$ 1,104,900
City of Schofield	Grossman Drive	3	\$ 918,973	\$ 735,178	\$ 643,281	\$ 551,384	\$ 505,435	\$ 459,487
Village of Weston	Schofield Ave	2	\$ 3,660,410	\$ 2,928,328	\$ 2,562,287	\$ 2,196,246	\$ 2,013,226	\$ 1,830,205
Available	\$ 1,875,166		\$ 6,789,183	\$ 5,431,346	\$ 4,752,428	\$ 4,073,510	\$ 3,734,051	\$ 3,394,592

Scenario 1 (70%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave	\$ 1,546,860	70%	\$ 328,306
Grossman Drive	\$ 328,306	36%	\$ -

Scenario 2 (60%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave	\$ 1,325,880	60%	\$ 549,286
Grossman Drive	\$ 549,286	60%	\$ -

Scenario 3 (55%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave	\$ 1,215,390	55%	\$ 659,776
Grossman Drive	\$ 659,776	72%	\$ -

Scenario 4 (65%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave	\$ 1,436,370	65%	\$ 438,796
Grossman Drive	\$ 438,796	48%	\$ -

Scenario 5 (80%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave	\$ 1,767,840	80%	\$ 107,326
Grossman Drive	\$ 107,326	12%	\$ -

Scenario 6 (64%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave	\$ 1,414,272	64%	\$ 460,894
Grossman Drive	\$ 460,894	50%	\$ -

Scenario 7		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding available	\$ 1,875,166		
Schofield Ave	\$ 1,875,166	51%	\$ -



WAUSAU MPO BIKE PASSPORT INITIATIVE BRIEF

OVERVIEW

The Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in collaboration with Visit Wausau, Wausau and Marathon County Parks & Recreation, Forestry, is hoping to launch a community-wide initiative for promoting active transportation and regional tourism. The initiative is focused on encouraging biking and walking while enhancing community safety, connecting local assets, and fostering a stronger sense of place within the Wausau MPO communities. This "Bike Passport" initiative will serve to raise awareness of bike-pedestrian safety, available resources, and the infrastructure that supports sustainable transportation and recreation throughout the region.

PARTICIPATING PARTNERS

- **Visit Wausau:** Will support promotion of the initiative and provide key tourist information.
- **City of Wausau and Marathon County Parks & Recreation Department:** Will support local events and help promote the program.
- **Local Businesses:** Will be encouraged to provide incentives (e.g., discounts or perks) to passport holders. The first year will focus on businesses close to MPO or family friendly routes, typically offering some water or bathroom access too.
- **Municipal Parks** Will ensure the inclusion of surrounding communities and connect users to local recreational assets.

CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVE

The primary goal of the Bike Passport initiative is to endorse active transportation, specifically biking and walking, across the Wausau MPO communities. In addition to increasing safety and encouraging pedestrian and cyclist-friendly infrastructure, the initiative will also highlight regional attractions, parks, & local businesses. By increasing participation in active transportation, we aim to build awareness of the benefits of sustainable transit, foster regional tourism, and highlight the scenic and recreational opportunities available in our communities.

Even for participants not interested in walking or bicycling but still interested in joining the passport and visiting businesses, the campaign would provide them with exposure to bicycle and pedestrian regulations, safety, and build awareness amongst all modes.



LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

The management of the Bike Passport campaign will be a joint effort between the MPO staff and Visit Wausau. The program will be available in both **digital** and **paper** formats, allowing participants to choose the most convenient option for their needs. Participants will sign up to receive their passport; the digital option will be on an online platform that uses the participants' location to check into stops. This initiative is **passive**: there will be no active monitoring of whether participants are walking or biking, so the focus will remain on building awareness and fostering positive community engagement.

This effort would be piloted in 2026 with the goal to expand in future years. Visit Wausau may also pursue concurrent modules (e.g. a passport focused on area restaurants) to increase participation and promote the regional economy.

OUTCOMES

1. **Increased Awareness for Bike-Pedestrian Safety:** The initiative will raise public consciousness about the importance of bike-ped safety and the available resources for cyclists and pedestrians in the Wausau MPO region.
2. **Promotion of Local Resources and Infrastructure:** By highlighting parks, recreational paths, and other infrastructure, the program will draw attention to the investments already made in transportation options within the community. These types of stops will also be ideal places to provide resources, like bike maps and safety reminders. MPO staff will work with stops in the passport to make educational materials available, and encourage them to update or pursue bicycle parking.
3. **Boost to Regional Tourism:** By promoting local assets, the program will serve as a tool to attract visitors to the region, boosting local businesses and tourism-driven economic development.
4. **Community Engagement:** The initiative will create an opportunity for local businesses, organizations, and community groups to engage with the program, which fosters collaboration across local stakeholders.

DATA COLLECTION AND PARTICIPATION

- **Sign-up and Tracking:** Participants will register for the passport online or via paper form, and they will track their progress through a simple sign-up and stamp system. The data collected will include:
 - The number of participants who sign up.
 - The number of completions (people who collect a certain number of stops/points/pick up reward).



- Feedback from participants and any improvements that could be made.
- **Participation Growth:** Previous initiatives have shown that participation can initially be low, but with consistent promotion and engagement, the program is likely to grow over time. We will track these trends to determine the success and scalability of the initiative.

MPO COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND PROMOTION REQUEST

The support of local communities is essential to the success of the Bike Passport initiative. We are asking for:

- **Promotion:** The program will require broad promotion via:
 - Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)
 - Newsletters from community organizations, including park systems and local businesses.
 - Press releases to local media outlets.

The MPO and Visit Wausau would partner to create materials for the communities to use in promotional efforts.

- **Endorsement:** We will be taking this initiative to the MPO Planning Commission on January 13, 2026, to affirm desire to move forward with the initiative. We request that you share this brief with your municipal officials and/or local bicycle and pedestrian committees to gather additional feedback or questions. This will help ensure the initiative has the support and visibility it needs to succeed.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

There is no major financial investment required for this program. The costs associated with the Bike Passport are minimal due to the initiative depending on the in-kind contributions of partners for promotion, distribution, and engagement. No formal funding requests are being made. Instead, we are focused on leveraging existing resources and collaborations to promote the initiative as an easy, low-cost way to improve local transportation infrastructure, enhance public health, and boost tourism.

CONCLUSION

The Bike Passport initiative represents an opportunity to engage our local communities in promoting active transportation, enhancing bike-pedestrian safety, and boosting regional tourism. With the cooperation of local organizations, businesses, and municipal partners, this initiative will foster a more active, engaged, and connected region. We look forward to partnering with you all on this initiative and promoting it across the Wausau MPO communities.

Wausau MPO LRTP Update Proposed Timeline

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/local-gov/plning-orgs/lrtp-checklist.pdf>

Q1 2026 — Initiation & “General / Plan Scope & Vision” Chapter

- Staff develop overall LRTP structure: table of contents, chapter outline, schedule, responsibilities.
- Draft the “General Plan Context / Vision & Goals” chapter: purpose, planning horizon, planning factors (mobility, safety, environment, connectivity, preservation, etc.).
- Draft initial Public & Stakeholder Involvement Plan (how public engagement will be conducted)
- Submit the General / Plan & Scope & Vision / Public Involvement Plan chapter to WisDOT for early review.

MPO Involvement:

- Briefing to review proposed plan outline, vision/goals, and public involvement approach.
- Board approves public participation plan, outreach methods, and plan structure.

Q2 2026 — Existing Conditions & Needs Assessment Chapter

- Collect and assemble data: transportation network, modal inventory (roads, transit, bike/ped), demographic and land-use/travel demand, baseline performance data...
- Identify needs and issues: safety concerns, congestion, modal gaps, preservation needs...
- Draft the Existing Conditions & Needs Assessment chapter.
- Send to WisDOT for review to ensure compliance with checklist requirements for system planning, modal coverage, performance baseline, etc.

MPO Involvement:

- Receives summary of conditions & needs, provides input especially around local priorities (safety issues, growth areas, modal gaps).

Q3 2026 — Forecasting, Performance Measures & Scenario / Strategy Chapters

- Develop travel demand forecasts, population/employment projections, growth scenarios...
- Define performance measures and targets (system condition, safety, mobility, multimodal access, etc....)
- Draft Forecasts & Future Conditions, Performance Measures / Performance Report, and Scenario Planning / Alternative Futures chapters.
- Submit chapters to WisDOT for review, to confirm forecasts, performance measures, and any scenario planning align with state/fed expectations.

MPO Involvement:

- Briefing: review preferred growth/future scenarios, and performance measures/targets.
- Board input on tradeoffs between alternative scenarios (cost, equity, growth, preservation)

Q4 2026 — Investment Strategies, Projects, Financial Plan, Environmental & Equity Chapter

- Develop project list: multimodal, roads, transit, bike/ped, freight, intermodal connectors. Include needs-based & cost estimates.
- Prepare Financial Plan: estimate revenues (federal, state, local), match to project costs, apply inflation for outer years.
- Draft Environmental Considerations / Mitigation & Environmental Justice chapter: identify environmental impacts, mitigation strategies, assess equity impacts / underserved populations, ensure public involvement documented.
- Prepare full draft & send to WisDOT for review.

MPO Involvement:

- Board briefing to preview final draft project list, financial plan, environmental/justice analysis, strategies.
- Board authorizes release of the full draft LRTP for public comment (per public participation plan).

Q4 2026 (continued) — WisDOT Final Review / Coordination

- Submit complete draft LRTP & completed WisDOT LRTP Checklist to WisDOT for formal review and confirmation of compliance.
- If WisDOT provides comments or requests edits, staff address them before public comment or final adoption process begins in Q1 2027.



Carbon Reduction Program (CRP):

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

CRP Example Projects:

- Installing new LED streetlights or replacing outdated traffic signals with energy efficient ones.
- Building or improving bike lanes, shared-use paths, sidewalks, multi-use trails (on or off road), or improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- Implementing or upgrading an intelligent traffic management system (ITS) - adaptive traffic signals, real time traffic monitoring, congestion management systems...
- Diesel engine retrofit or replacement projects - transit buses, municipal diesel vehicles...
- Enhancing public transit (buses, bus routes, transit infrastructure) to provide better alternatives to single occupant vehicle travel.