



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 2:02 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: November 11, 2025, MPO Commission Meeting

**Action: Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Thuot to approve November 11, 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 proposed TIP amendment, put forth by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). Not a project but rather a performance measure update. This is typically updated every year during the annual TIP update. This is located on page 15 of the packet.

**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

Discussion: Met with TAC to discuss. City of Wausau meeting is set for Thursday to discuss if they will accept the current offer. At TAC, WisDOT informed us we can extend this to mid-January before making a decision. No action was taken.

**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.**

5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

A. Wausau MPO Website

Discussion: Federal website accessibility standards must be met this coming April. Miskimins reviewed two paths to bring the MPO site into compliance including:

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1. Pay to bring website to compliance.
2. Bring the MPO website under Marathon County website, allowing us to access their accessibility tools to achieve compliance.

We can move MPO to county website rather easily. Staff recommended to migrate to the county website. Clarifying questions were asked regarding remnant links on websites and documents leading to the old website. Staff clarified a redirect would be put in place.

### B. Bike/Ped Sub-Committee Update (Bicycle Passport)

Discussion: Bike Map and information for the BFC application are being sought from the municipalities. Miskimins gave an overview of the bike passport initiative and highlighted the goal of active transportation and highlighting communities within the MPO and supporting local tourism. Miskimins noted that a larger scale program had low participation initially but grew over time. Fifrick asked if it would be geared towards locals or tourists. Miskimins noted it would be for both groups.

### C. 2027 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Discussion: Anklam noted the Wausau MPO has typically adopted their LRTP in the first quarter of the year it is due. Anklam presented a relative timeline of the LRTP update due in 2027. More work will come in future meetings. No questions were offered.

### D. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

Discussion: Anklam received a phone call from WisDOT about the availability of CRP funding for shovel ready projects. Anklam highlighted that the CRP may not be coming back in the future funding cycles. Members are being asked for last-minute proposals by this Friday. Example projects are included within the packet. Fifrick asked how a community would bring forth a project they may have. Anklam informed the committee they would need to get in touch with him, and he would then connect the prospective communities with WisDOT.

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 2:00 PM

B. Future Agenda Items

## 7. Adjournment

**Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Thuot/VanDeWalle to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:21pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

Submitted by:  
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