



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 9th, 2025**

Meeting Attendance: Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, MaKayla Galecki, Darryl Landeau, Ryan VanDeWalle, Brad Lenz, Allen Wesolowski, Mark Thuot, Sydney Turner, Michael Wodalski, Gaylene Rhoden, Evan Maves, Ron Schuenke, Eric Lindman, Jeff Gates, Jason Nordberg, Brian Grefe

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 Anklam at 1:01 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Approval of Minutes: November 11, 2025, MPO TAC Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/VanDeWalle to approve November 11, 2025, MPO TAC Minutes as presented. 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 Rankings Discussion

Discussion: Anklam shared that the TAC needed to decide on a 'back-up' scenario to recommend to the DOT, should the City of Wausau determine they cannot accept less than 70% funding for a project. Anklam reviewed the possible funding scenarios and reminded the group that historically the MPO has tried to provide 70% funding, but can fund no more than 80% funding, and no less than 50% funding.

The DOT did clarify they do not need a recommendation until the middle of January and shared they do not advise the MPO picking a scenario that leaves any money on the table, as it could impact future funding cycles.

Schofield clarified that they cannot accept less than 60% funding and the City of Wausau also stated that it was not likely they would accept less than 64% funding. Both shared the challenges and added costs that come with federally funding projects, which is why they need to achieve a minimum level of federal investment to agree to accept the funding.

Clarifying questions were asked about additional funding scenarios and the possibility to revise/trim project scopes to achieve maximum funding utilization at a percentage that would be acceptable and beneficial to any community being awarded funding. There were also questions raised about contingency, if the scope estimates were not enough. Some in the group felt recommending that we lean toward scenarios that take projects above 70%, versus scenarios that take projects below 70%, as this would provide buffer for potential unforeseen cost increases. The DOT was also asked to provide additional insight, before or at the next meeting, as to whether other MPOs are not using all their available funding too.

A motion was made by Thuot to delay deciding until after the City of Wausau's Infrastructure meeting on 12/11/2025. There was not a second, and the motion died. It was clarified that no action was needed at today's meeting.

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Action: The TAC took no action on this item, opting to wait for additional information from the Wisconsin DOT and the City of Wausau. Action will be taken at the meeting on January 13, 2026, meeting.

4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion
5. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting Date
 - A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, January 13, 2026; 1:00pm.
 - B. Future Agenda Items – Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Rankings
6. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Rhoden/Thuot to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee at 1:49pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
Aaron Anklam, Transportation Planner
Wausau MPO