

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**



Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 1:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403**

**Members:** Laurie Miskimins, Aaron Anklam, Kevin Lang, Brain Grefe, Darryl Landeau, Dave Eckmann, Gaylene Rhoden, Jared Grande, Peter Kampfer, Greg Ulman, Peter Wegner, Ryan VanDeWalle, Tim Vergara, Jami Gebert, Michael Wodalski, Doug Mielke, Mark Thuot, Eric Lindman, Brad Lenz, Ron Schuenke, Dave Meurett, Jason Nordberg, Evan Gross, Sydney Turner

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2025, MPO TAC Meeting**
- 3. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Committee Action**
  - A. Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Rankings
- 4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
- 5. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Future Agenda Items**
  - A. Next Meeting Date & Time – TBD
  - B. Future Agenda Items – STP-U Criteria

**6. Adjournment**

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**EMAILED TO:** Courthouse, WDH, City Pages, and other Media Groups

**EMAILED BY:** AA

**DATE:** 1/6/2026

**EMAIL TIME:** 2:00pm

**SIGNED:**   
\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE**

**NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE & TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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



- **City of Wausau funding expectations:** The City of Wausau’s Infrastructure Committee is requesting **80%** funding for its project and will not accept less than **70%**. Wausau’s Infrastructure Committee denied the 60% funding scenario.
- **City of Schofield funding expectations:** The City of Schofield indicated they will not accept less than **60%** funding for its project.
- **Use of remaining funds:** WisDOT has informed the MPO that any remaining STP-Urban funds may be applied to projects that were previously funded.

**Wausau MPO STP-Urban 2026-2031**  
Funding Recommendations - Jan 2025

Municipality	Project	Rank	Construction Cost*	80%	75%	70%
City of Wausau	S. 17th Ave	1	\$ 2,209,800	\$ 1,767,840	\$ 1,657,350	\$ 1,546,860
City of Schofield	Grosvonts Drive	3	\$ 918,974	\$ 735,179	\$ 689,230	\$ 643,281
Village of Weston	Schofield Ave	2	\$ 1,660,410	\$ 1,328,328	\$ 1,245,368	\$ 1,162,287
<b>Available</b>			<b>\$ 1,875,166</b>	<b>* Participating Roadway Cost and State Review Cost Only</b>		

Scenario 1 (70%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,546,860	70%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,480,306	79.77%

Scenario 2 (75%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,657,350	75%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,569,816	76.48%

Scenario 3 (80%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,767,840	80%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,459,326	73.19%

Scenario 4 (70%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,546,860	70%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,963,103	81.99%

Scenario 5 (75%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,657,350	75%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,852,813	77.51%

Scenario 6 (80%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,767,840	80%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,742,323	78.47%

Scenario 7 (72%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,591,056	72%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,550,818	76.18%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,711,288	77.58%

\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross receives - \$207,818 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Metro-Alderson receives - \$76,292 \*\*\*

Scenario 8 (73%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,591,056	72%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,486,110	73.99%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,788,992	79.69%

\*\*\* Favors giving Metro-Alderson more \$ due to being over budget \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross receives - \$134,110 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Metro-Alderson receives - \$150,000 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Increases both 2022 and 2023 projects by ~4% \*\*\*

Scenario 9 (74%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,635,252	74%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,502,000	74.46%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,724,914	77.97%

\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross receives - \$150,000 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Metro-Alderson receives - \$89,914 \*\*\*

Scenario 10 (76%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,679,448	76%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,472,080	73.57%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,716,428	77.50%

\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross receives - \$120,000 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Metro-Alderson receives - \$75,718 \*\*\*

Scenario 11 (75%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$	1,875,166	
S. 17th Ave (2023)	\$	1,657,350	75.00%
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$	2,520,000	75.00%
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$	2,684,813	76.82%

\*\*\* Wausau project receives 75% \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross receives \$168,000 bringing it up to 75% \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Ross Ave Metro-Alderson receives remaining \$49,816 bringing it up to 76.82% \*\*\*

\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross originally funded at 70% or \$2,352,000 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross tied for the #1 project during the previous cycle \*\*\*  
\*\*\* The other #1 project (Ross Ave - River Bend/Paul's Ave) received 75% \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Both projects scored a 14/22 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Construction slated for 2028 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Camp Phillips & Ross project cost - \$3,360,000 \*\*\*

\*\*\* Ross Ave Metro-Alderson originally funded at 75.39% or \$2,634,997 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Ross Ave Metro-Alderson was the #1 project two cycles ago \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Construct slated for 2027 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Project is currently over budget \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Ross Ave Metro-Alderson project cost - \$3,494,710 \*\*\*



August 16, 2022

Ben Roskoskey  
Local Program Lead  
WisDOT NC Region

**WAUSAU MPO ALLOCATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STP-URBAN) FUNDS FOR 2023-2026**

At their August 9, 2022, meeting the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission (Wausau MPO) reviewed its priority rankings of the projects submitted for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds assigned to the Wausau Group. The Commission allocated funds based on preliminary estimates of the available funds presented by WisDOT. This amount was projected to be approximately \$4,160,344 for years 2023-2026. The Commission understands the final allocation amount may change based on state budget and changes to funding levels.

The Planning Commission identified and prioritized its top projects by only utilizing construction costs of the project applications within the MPO area. The following projects were awarded the funds based on a 75.4% Federal share and a 24.6% local share. They are ranked as:

#1 – Ross Ave. from Metro Dr. to Alderson St. in the City of Schofield and Village of Weston. This project was identified to receive \$2,634,977 of the allocation.

#2 – West Wausau Ave from 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Stevens Dr. in the City of Wausau. This project was identified to receive \$1,212,247 of the allocation.

#3 – Gusman Rd. from CTH J to Kraemer Road in the Town of Weston. This project was identified to receive \$313,120 of the allocation.

The communities understand that the STBG funds available for this period will at capped at the amounts set and will be defined and identified in the project agreement with the WisDOT.

If you need any additional information or have comments, please let me know.

David Mack  
Wausau MPO Director

Cc Dave Meurett-WisDOT  
Alan Wesolowski – City of Wausau  
Michael Wodalski – Village of Weston  
Milt Olson – Village of Weston  
Mark Thuot – City of Schofield



March 13, 2024

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**WAUSAU MPO NEW ALLOCATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STP-URBAN) FUNDS FOR 2025-2029**

At their March 12, 2024 meeting, the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission (Wausau MPO) reviewed the funding for the ranked projects submitted for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds assigned to the Wausau Group. The Commission allocated funds based on new estimates of the available funds presented by WisDOT. This new amount reflected a larger amount of \$4,563,598 for years 2025-2029.

The Planning Commission reviewed its top project applications within the MPO area with the number one ranked project now to be awarded funds based on a 75% federal share and a 25% local share, with the second ranked project receiving the remaining Federal funds for a 70%/30% federal/local split. The projects are ranked as:

#1 – Ross Avenue from River Bend Road to Paul’s Avenue in the Village of Weston and Town of Weston. This project was identified to receive \$2,211,598 of the allocation.

#2 – Camp Phillips Road (County Road X) and Ross Avenue intersection. This project was identified to receive \$2,352,000 of the allocation.

The communities understand that the STBG funds available for this period will be capped at the amounts set and will be defined and identified in the project agreement with the WisDOT.

If you need any additional information or have comments, please let me know.

David Mack  
Wausau MPO Director

Cc     Dave Meurett - WisDOT  
       Evan Maves - WisDOT  
       James Griesbach – Marathon County  
       Michael Wodalski – Village of Weston  
       Milt Olson – Town of Weston