

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION &
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JOINT AGENDA**



Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 2:00pm**

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

Planning Commission 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

Technical Advisory Committee 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. Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2026, MPO Planning Commission Meeting¹**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2026, MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting²**
- 5. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Planning Commission Action³**
 - A. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
 - B. Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Rankings
- 6. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion**
 - A. 2027 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Goals and Objectives
- 7. Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 2:00 PM
 - B. Future Agenda Items – TBD
- 8. Adjournment**

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¹ Official action will only be taken by the Metropolitan Planning Commission on this matter.

² Official action will only be taken by the Technical Advisory Committee on this matter.

³ Official actions will only be taken by the Metropolitan Planning Commission on these matters. The Technical Advisory Committee can only make recommendations to the Metropolitan Planning Commission.



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**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 13th, 2026**

Meeting Attendance: Vice Chair Gaylene Rhoden; Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, MaKayla Galecki, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Ryan VanDeWalle, Brad Lenz, Mark Thuot, Sydney Turner, Michael Wodalski, Jeff Gates, Mayor Doug Diny

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 Vice Chairperson Rhoden 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: December 12th, 2025, MPO Commission Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Diny to approve December 12th, 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 states that there are a few projects being amended in the tip put forth by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). First few projects listed in the packet are from the 53-10 federal grant. Meurett added that the projects in the packet are just being scoped for design and will likely not begin until after 2028. Gates inquired if the projects were outside of the MPO. Anklam clarified that some are outside the boundary but operate within the MPO.

Action: Motion/Second by Diny/Thuot 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: TAC met to discuss. After the City of Wausau infrastructure meeting, denied the 60 but since that meeting, staff learned that you could use funds for previous cycles. Scenario 11 was moved forward to be suggested to the MPO.

Action: Motion/Second by Gates/VanDeWalle to accept Scenario 11 as proposed by the TAC.

C. Wausau MPO Bike/Ped Sub-Committee Bicycle Passport motion carries no dissent.

Discussion: Galecki gave an overview of the program once more, letting the group know that they have received no comment that indicates any community is not interested in being involved or represented on the passport.

Rhoden states that there is support from Rib Mountain for the initiative.

Action: Motion/ Second by Rhoden/ Diny in support of passport program.

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5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

A. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant - Update

Discussion: Anklam remarks that we applied last year for this grant. The MPO, however, did not receive a SS4A Grant. Staff requested a debrief from FHWA on how to improve our application. Hoping to hear back in February. Diny asked what the grant amount was, Anklam informed the group that we applied for \$200,000 at an 80-20 split, which would have been an award amount of \$160,000.

B. 2025 Local Match Invoices

Discussion: Anklam informed the group that the invoices will be sent out- be on the lookout. Will be going out early February to Municipality Clerks.

C. 2026 Meeting Calendar

Discussion: Anklam states the meeting packet includes featured dates which represent our current scheduled meetings. Rhoden notes that September meeting is right after Labor Day and may need to be altered in the future.

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, at 2:00 PM

B. Future Agenda Items- Refresh of Bylaws, LRTP Goals & Objectives

7. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Gates/Diny to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:15pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
Aaron Anklam, Transportation Planner
Wausau MPO



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 13th, 2026**

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, Jeff Gates, Jason Nordberg, Jeff Gates, Kevin Lang

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: December 9, 2025, MPO TAC Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/VanDeWalle to approve December 9, 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: Anklam described the background of the City of Wausau's infrastructure meeting, where they denied 60%, requesting 80% and will not accept anything less than 70%. Staff learned it is possible to use previously awarded applicants funding. The floor was opened for questioning after reviewing the 11 scenarios. Rhoden asked if Anklam had any professional recommendations. Anklam clarified that it is dependent on which project. Wodalski asked if applying funds to previously awarded projects would allow funds to re-enter the pool sooner. Anklam clarified that it would be likely due to existing projects completing sooner.

Action: Motion/Second by Lang/Rhoden to recommend approval of the Surface Transportation Program (STP-Urban) 2026-2031 Program Cycle Project Rankings as presented and recommend allocating funding to Scenario 11 to the MPO Planning Commission. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

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 – TBD

B. Future Agenda Items – STP-U Criteria, Bylaws

Discussion: Wodalski questions the purpose of the TAC. Rhoden states that MPO was previously elected officials while it is now. Gates mentioned that the TAC was intended to remove the politics from the decision. Miskimins informed the group that the MPOC would need to decide. Wodalski states not to disband but visit. Meurett states TAC is the working body. Discuss bylaws to be an agenda item at future meeting. Lenz concurs that criteria should be reviewed.

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6. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Gates to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee at 1:16pm 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)**

February 10, 2026

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING

COMMISSION RESOLUTION #2-26

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 *Updated Project Limits and Scope of the USH Business 51 Resurfacing and Concrete Joint Replacement Project in the Village of Rothschild*, and attaches the *2025-2028 TIP Amendment Table 1 and 2 Spreadsheets* 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 10th day of February 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Fifrick'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'R' and a 'J' that has several horizontal strokes extending to the right.

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 TABLE 1 AMENDMENT
TIP PROJECT LISTING (\$)
Amendment 2/10/2026

Red text indicates changes

PRIMARY JURISDICTION/ PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF COST	2025				2026				2027				2028				COMMENTS FOS# & Let Date P=preservation E=expansion
			FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL													

Highway Section - Project Additions

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State of Wisconsin	Resurfacing and Concrete Joint Replacement USH Bus 51	PE ROW	\$220,000	\$113,500		\$333,500													Let Date: 02/11/2031
Village of Rothschild	Eagle Nest Blvd. to USH 51	CONST	\$220,000	\$113,500		\$333,500													State Project ID: #6999-10-11/81
	373-21-027	TOTAL																	P
		(NHPP)																	Total improvement cost: \$4,389,000. This total includes current and future project phases which may be outside of the four-year TIP cycle and is for illustrative purposes only.

TABLE 2
Assessment of Available Funding for the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment February 10 2026

Funding Source		Programmed Expenditures				Estimated Available Funding			
Agency	Program	2025	2026	2027	2028	2025	2026	2027	2028
Federal Highway	NHPP	\$23,632,389	\$14,513,800	\$0	\$13,927,389	\$23,632,389	\$14,513,800	\$0	\$13,927,389
Administration	STBG	\$0	\$1,212,247	\$2,634,977	\$6,092,270	\$0	\$1,212,247	\$2,634,977	\$6,092,270
	BR	\$0	\$2,025,208	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,025,208	\$0	\$0
	IM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TAP	\$2,326,717	\$847,937	\$0	\$0	\$2,326,717	\$847,937	\$0	\$0
	CRP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	HSIP	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0
	WEVI	\$885,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$885,428	\$0	\$0	\$0
	OCR	\$178,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178,265	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals		\$27,202,799	\$18,779,192	\$2,814,977	\$20,019,659	\$27,202,799	\$18,779,192	\$2,814,977	\$20,019,659
Totals	Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$27,202,799	\$19,329,422	\$2,979,935	\$21,779,387	\$27,202,799	\$19,329,422	\$2,979,935	\$21,779,387

Federal Transit Administration	Section 5307 -- Wausau Urbanized Area	\$1,418,551	\$1,461,107	\$1,490,329	\$1,621,329	\$1,418,551	\$1,461,107	\$1,490,329	\$1,621,329
	Section 5310	\$603,435	\$511,568	\$0	\$0	\$603,435	\$511,568	\$0	\$0
	Section 5339	\$3,570,424	\$2,834,955	\$0	\$0	\$3,570,424	\$2,834,955	\$0	\$0
	Section 5307 - Other	\$109,681	\$111,875	\$114,112	\$124,142	\$109,681	\$111,875	\$114,112	\$124,142
Totals		\$5,702,091	\$4,919,505	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471	\$5,702,091	\$4,919,505	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471
Totals	Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$5,702,091	\$5,063,646	\$1,698,461	\$1,898,898	\$5,702,091	\$5,063,646	\$1,698,461	\$1,898,898

Wausau MPO STP-Urban 2026-2031
Funding Recommendations - Feb 2026

Municipality	Project	Rank	Construction Cost*	80%	75%	70%
City of Wausau	S. 17th Ave	1	\$ 2,462,682	\$ 1,970,146	\$ 1,847,012	\$ 1,723,877
City of Schofield	Grossman Drive	3	\$ 918,973	\$ 735,178	\$ 689,230	\$ 643,281
Village of Weston	Schofield Ave	2	\$ 3,660,410	\$ 2,928,328	\$ 2,745,308	\$ 2,562,287
Available	\$		1,875,166			

* Participating Roadway Cost and State Review Cost Only

Scenario 1 (Full Allocation)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave (2025)	\$ 1,875,166	76.14%	\$ -

Scenario 2 (72%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave (2025)	\$ 1,773,131	72.00%	\$ 102,035
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$ 2,419,200	72.00%	\$ 34,835
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$ 2,669,832	76.40%	\$ -

Scenario 3 (73.5%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave (2025)	\$ 1,810,071	73.50%	\$ 65,095
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$ 2,417,095	71.37%	\$ -

Scenario 4 (75%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave (2025)	\$ 1,847,012	75.00%	\$ 28,154
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$ 2,380,154	70.83%	\$ -

Scenario 5 (70%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave (2025)	\$ 1,723,877	70.00%	\$ 151,289
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$ 2,452,000	72.97%	\$ 51,289
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$ 2,686,286	76.86%	\$ -

Scenario 6 (73%)		Funding Level	Amount Remaining
Total Funding Available	\$ 1,875,166		
S. 17th Ave (2025)	\$ 1,797,757	73.00%	\$ 77,409
Camp Phillips & Ross (2023)	\$ 2,390,705	71.15%	\$ 38,704
Ross Ave Metro-Alderson (2022)	\$ 2,673,706	76.50%	\$ -

*** Wausau original project cost - \$2,209,800 ***
 *** MPO/TAC approved 75% funding in January = \$1,657,350 ***
 *** \$1,657,350 = 67.29% at the new \$2,462,682 project cost
 *** MPO/TAC approved \$49,816 to Metro-Alderson ***
 *** MPO/TAC approved \$168,000 to Camp Phillips & Ross ***

*** Wausau requesting 80% will not take less than 70% ***
 *** Camp Phillips & Ross originally funded at 70% ***
 *** Metro-Alderson originally funded at 75.39% ***



2022 Wausau MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

(Chapter 2 – Goals & Objectives)

https://wausaumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WausauMPO_2022_LRTP_Approved_Final.pdf