



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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