



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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  
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