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Dear Ms. Swann and Ms. Brookins:

Under the authority delegated to me by Governor Tony Evers, I am hereby approving the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission's amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Wausau urbanized area. The amendment was approved and adopted by the Marathon County Planning Commission on January 13, 2026. We will reflect by reference the 2025-2028 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Copies of the TIP Amendment and Resolution Number 1-26 for the Marathon County Planning Commission are enclosed. This TIP amendment represents a comprehensive, continuous, and cooperative effort between the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), local communities, affected transit operators, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), and is designed to meet the objectives of Title 23 USC 134 and 135 and their implementing regulations 23 CFR 450 and the MPO regional transportation system plan.

We have determined that the proposed amendment: 1) is consistent with the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan for the MPO, 2) conforms to this state's approved implementation plan under the federal Clean Air Act and 42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR 93 (23 CFR 450.222(a)(7), and 3) ensures that the TIP remains fiscally constrained in that federal funding resources are sufficient to support the new or modified projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Boardman".

Kristina Boardman  
Secretary

cc: Aaron Anklam, Wausau MPO  
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## MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING

### COMMISSION RESOLUTION #1-26

#### 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 *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310) amendments*, and the *USH 51 NB/SB Concrete Joint Replacement and Pannel Replacement Projects*, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026

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Randy Fifrick, Commission Chairman

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Laurie Miskimins, MPO Director, Marathon  
County Metro Planning Commission Secretary



**2025 - 2028 TABLE 1 AMENDMENT**  
TIP PROJECT LISTING (\$)

Amendment 1/13/2026

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**

81	City of Wausau and Village of Maine	Concrete Joint Replacement and Pannel Replacement USH 51 NB Bridge Street to Decator Drive  373-26-006	PE ROW CONST TOTAL							\$115,200	\$28,800	\$144,000								Let Date: 8/10/2032 State Project ID: 1170-02-30/60 P  Total improvement cost: \$3,513,600. This total includes current and future project phases which may be outside of the four-year TIP cycle and is for illustrative purposes only.
82	City of Wausau and Village of Maine	Concrete Joint Replacement and Pannel Replacement USH 51 SB Bridge Street to Decator Drive  373-26-007	PE ROW CONST TOTAL							\$115,200	\$28,800	\$144,000								Let Date: 8/10/2032 State Project ID: 1170-02-31/61 P  Total improvement cost: \$3,513,600. This total includes current and future project phases which may be outside of the four-year TIP cycle and is for illustrative purposes only.

## Wausau CY2026 Section 5310 Specialized Transit Projects

Subrecipient	Counties Served	Project Type	Project Detail	Award	Local Match	MPO
<b>Center for Independent Living -</b>	Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Crawford, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Grant, Iowa, Iron, Jackson, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Richland, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Vilas, Washburn, Wood	Mobility Management	Call-center; mobility management	\$ 132,196	\$ 33,049	Duluth-Superior, Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire, Wausau, La Crosse
		Operating Assistance	Volunteer Drivers; Travel Coordination	\$ 256,838	\$ 256,838	
<p><i>The Center has grown geographically to one of the largest volunteer driver and voucher program in the nation. The program currently staffs, 1 full time Transportation Director/Regional Mobility Manager, 1 full time Transportation Program Coordinator, 1 Transportation Program Assistant, 5 full time Transportation Specialist who do dispatching and information and referral in a 42 county service area in North Western and Central Wisconsin. The Center's transportation programs operate 7 days a week 24 hours a day. (Which would include weekends and holidays) These hours insure that all riders get their unmet needs taken care of when other programs are closed. The Center has found that the riders need flexible transportation options and provides these services to meet their ever-changing needs. The Center can also provide rides that cross state lines and boundaries that other programs cannot.</i></p>						

<b>Opportunity of North Central WI., Inc.</b>	Marathon, Wood	Vehicle - Replacement	Medium Roof Transit Bariatric Rear Load	\$ 65,254	\$ 21,751	Wausau
<p><i>Opportunity Inc. provides accessible transportation for individuals with disabilities to and from their homes, to places of employment, to medical/dental appointments, to the pharmacy, to the store so they can purchase their necessities and for socialization and recreational opportunities to prevent isolation and loneliness. Our entire fleet is aging. We have only five vehicles newer than 2015 and the majority of our fleet is made up of vehicles from 2010, 2009, and 2008. We have increased our efficiencies to utilize our current fleet, however, we anticipate that we will have to continue to retire vehicles due to severe rusting problems.</i></p>						

<b>Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers</b>	Lincoln, Oneida, Marathon	Mobility Management	One Call Center	\$ 24,491	\$ 6,123	Wausau
		Operating Assistance	Volunteer Drivers	\$ 32,789	\$ 32,789	
<p><i>The Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers (TAIV) is a private non-profit organization and strictly a volunteer service. The transportation program enables seniors and individuals with disabilities to fully participate independently in their communities. Our Mission and vision is to deploy our volunteer into action, building relationships, and working together to fill the gap between family and other resources for our seniors and those with disabilities in our community.</i></p>						

**TABLE 2**  
**Assessment of Available Funding for the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program**  
 Amendment January 13 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