



MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA



Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 2:00pm**

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

Planning Commission Members: Duane Gau – Chair, Allen Opall (Designee, Gaylene Rhoden – Vice Chair), Dan Helgeson, Judith Hase, Steve Hagman, Doug Diny, Tim Buttke, Matt Lee Baer, David Phelps, Mark Maloney, Dan Joling, Kregg Hoehn, Tom Helbach, Matthew Bronson

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2026, Joint MPO Planning Commission & Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**
5. **Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Commission Action**
 - A. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
6. **Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion**
 - A. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant
 - B.
7. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements, and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, at 2:00 PM
 - B. Future Agenda Items – TBD
8. **Adjournment**


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DATE: 5/6/2026

EMAIL TIME: 2:30pm


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PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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DATE & TIME: _____



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION &
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
February 10th, 2026**

Meeting Attendance: Chair Randy Fifrick, Vice Chair Gaylene Rhoden; Aaron Anklam, MaKayla Galecki, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Ryan VanDeWalle, Brad Lenz, Sydney Turner, Michael Wodalski, Jeff Gates, Evan Maves, Allen Wesolowski, Stephanie Jaecks, Laurie Miskimins, Eric Lindman, Dan Joling

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 Chairperson Fifrick at 2:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment Given or Received.

3. Approval of Minutes: January 13th, 2026, MPO Planning Commission Meeting

Discussion: The Planning Commission requested for scenarios to be spelled out in future minutes, not just referred to as 'Scenario 11.' This will assist in reviewing the minutes and make it easier to reference what the MPO historically did in the next funding cycle.

Action: Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Rhoden to approve January 13th, 2026, MPOC Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 13th, 2026, MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by Anklam /Rhoden to approve January 13th, 2026, MPO TAC Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

5. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Commission Action

A. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: Anklam provided the TIP Amendment, noting the project is already in the TIP. This is just an update to the description and limits.

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/ Wodalski 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: Anklam shared following the last meeting, which recommended giving 75% to Wausau and the remaining funds to Camp Phillips & Ross and Ross Avenue & Metro Alderson, the Wisconsin DOT informed the MPO that the project estimate for the City of Wausau project was inaccurate, and would result in the City of Wausau only receiving 67% of their project, unless the

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MPO wanted to approve another scenario. The City of Wausau Infrastructure had previously stated they would not accept funding at less than 70% of the project. Anklam presented new scenarios for consideration. Rhoden asked clarifying questions on the points the highest ranked projects received. Anklam stated the difference was one point. Fifrlick requested input from the TAC. Lenz asked if there were any staff recommendations. Miskimins mentioned that the County Highway Commissioner could not be there and is a member of the TAC. He asked to share that he favored scenarios that gave all #1 ranked projects even percentages. Rhoden stated that Scenario 1 would not do that, but some of the others would work. Anklam and Wodalski shared that Scenario 2 and 3 would be the closest. Lindman also stated that evenly awarded all #1 projects was his preference. Discussion determined Scenario 3 might do this best, as it gave the City of Wausau and Camp Phillips close to an even percentage and Ross Avenue & Metro-Alderson already had 75% of its project funded.

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/Gates to accept Scenario 3 (image below) as proposed by the group. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Fifrlick abstained from the vote.

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%	\$ -

6. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

A. 2027 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Goals and Objectives

Discussion: Anklam introduced the previous Long Range Transportation Plan goals and objectives to the TAC and the MPOC to see if there was any initial comments, questions, or updates necessary to the goals and objectives. He also asked for members to share any relevant background that went into developing the old goals and objectives and noted that the Wausau MPO goals and objectives are in line with other MPOs in the state. No feedback was given at this meeting. Members were instructed to read through them for further discussion at a future meeting.

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – MPO Planning Commission, Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 2:00 PM

B. Future Agenda Items – TBD

8. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, **Motion/Second by Lenz/Anklam to adjourn the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:21pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

Action: There being no further business before the members, **Motion/Second by Rhoden/VanDeWalle to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:21pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.**

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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)**

May 12, 2026

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING

COMMISSION RESOLUTION #3-26

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 *Pavement Marking Project on USH Bus. 51*, and the *Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) 2026 awards for: WI Auto and Truck*, 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 12th day of May 2026



Duane Gau, Commission Chairman



Laurie Miskimins, MPO Commission Secretary

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

Amendment 5/12/2026

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	FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	FED	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	

Transit Section - Project Additions

O	WisDOT Transit Marathon County	Capital (Mobility Management & Vehicle Loans) AND Operating (taxi voucher program for participants in repair/purchase program)	PE ROW CONST TOTAL					\$ 213,520.10	\$ 54,390.35	\$ 267,910.45										P
	WETAP							\$ 213,520.10	\$ 54,390.35	\$ 267,910.45										
	WI Auto and Truck	** Project does not include direct funding from Marathon County or any Marathon County municipality ** 373-26-008																		

Highway Section - Project Additions

83	WisDOT Village of Rothschild and Weston City of Schofield	Epoxy Pavement Marking Project USH Bus. 51 Morrison Ave to Drott St 373-26-009	PE ROW CONST TOTAL										\$36,000.00	\$9,000.00						ID# 1009-42-85 P
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TABLE 2
Assessment of Available Funding for the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment May 12 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	\$36,000	\$13,927,389	\$23,632,389	\$14,513,800	\$36,000	\$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	\$2,850,977	\$20,019,659	\$27,202,799	\$18,779,192	\$2,850,977	\$20,019,659
Totals	Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$27,202,799	\$19,329,422	\$3,018,044	\$21,779,387	\$27,202,799	\$19,329,422	\$3,018,044	\$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	\$325,395	\$114,112	\$124,142	\$109,681	\$325,395	\$114,112	\$124,142
Totals		\$5,702,091	\$5,133,025	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471	\$5,702,091	\$5,133,025	\$1,604,441	\$1,745,471
Totals	Inflated by 2.93% Annually	\$5,702,091	\$5,283,423	\$1,698,461	\$1,898,898	\$5,702,091	\$5,283,423	\$1,698,461	\$1,898,898

The four-year totals indicate that estimated funding is reasonably expected to be available in comparison to programmed expenditures for the 2025-2028 TIP. There are a few instances where programmed funding appears to exceed estimated available funding when comparing amounts from year to year. In general, this can be attributed to differences in applied inflation rates between revenue and expenditures. There are also instances where projects have been selected and programmed in the previous TIP, but have not yet been completed and remain in the TIP but do not require additional funding (such as transit capital projects). For NHPP funding, this could be attributed to larger projects, such as freeway reconstruction projects, programmed by WisDOT in the four years of the TIP that can be authorized using Advance Construction allowance from FHWA or funded through alternate funding sources not indicated within this fiscal constraint report. Additionally, the years in the TIP represent calendar years but the State fiscal year runs from July 1 of a year to June 30 of the following year. Depending on what proportion of available Federal funding is scheduled in the two halves of the State fiscal year, it could appear that more funding is being scheduled for obligation than what is estimated for a particular calendar year.



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

Webinar Recordings and Presentation Materials Now Available

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program recorded three public "How to Apply" webinars in April. The webinars focused on developing a Safety Action Plan; Supplemental Planning and Demonstration activities; and Implementation Grants. Please visit the [SS4A website](#) to access the webinar recordings and presentations.



Upcoming SS4A FY26 Deadlines

If you wish to pursue the *optional* [pre-application eligibility review](#) of your Action Plan offered by the SS4A program, you must submit both your [Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet](#) and your Safety Action Plan(s) by **this Friday, April 24, 2026**.

- **April 24, 2026, by 5 PM ET:** Deadline for the Pre-Application Action Plan Review for Implementation Grant applicants.
- **April 24, 2026, by 5 PM ET:** Deadline for technical questions related to the FY26 NOFO.
- **May 26, 2026, by 5 PM ET:** Deadline for *all* SS4A Grant applications. NOFO closes.

For more information on how to apply for the SS4A grant opportunity, please visit the [How to Apply page](#) of the SS4A website.



Applicant Resources

Based on the questions received during the SS4A "How to Apply" webinars, we wanted to highlight the SS4A website and its numerous [resources](#) to assist applicants, including the following:

- ["How to Apply" Webinar Recordings and Slides](#)
- [SS4A Pre-Application Action Plan Review](#)
- [Eligible Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities](#)
- [Matching Funds for SS4A Grants](#)
- [How to Complete Standard Forms](#)
- [FAQs](#) - FAQs will be updated over the coming weeks based on questions received via the webinars and Technical Questions submitted to the SS4A Inbox by Friday, April 24.
- Supplemental Budget Templates
 - [Planning and Demonstration Grant Supplemental Budget Template](#)
 - [Implementation Grant Supplemental Budget Template](#)

[About Safe Streets and Roads for All](#)

Established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the [Safe Streets and Roads for All](#) (SS4A) grant program will provide \$5 billion in grant funding over five years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.



SENT VIA E-MAIL ONLY

April 25, 2025

Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commissioners & Designees

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Opportunity

Following our discussion at the April MPO meeting, we would like to provide you with additional detailed information regarding an upcoming grant opportunity in advance of our May meeting. The Wausau MPO is preparing to assemble an application for a Planning and Demonstration Grant through USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. This competitive federal grant, established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, supports the development of comprehensive safety strategies to significantly reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

The MPO seeks to secure funding to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, a community informed, data-driven framework that will identify safety risks, prioritize interventions, and position our region for future infrastructure funding. The proposed project budget is \$200,000, with 80% funded by federal dollars and a required 20% local in-kind match, which can be met through staff time and eligible contributions from member communities.

This memo provides an overview of the SS4A program, outlines the scope and goals of the Safety Action Plan, and details the support and in-kind commitments requested from each MPO member community. We will further discuss this matter at the upcoming MPO meeting on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**. In the meantime, we encourage communities to begin internal conversations with leadership to support a timely and coordinated grant submission ahead of the **June 26, 2025**, deadline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (715) 261-6034 or aaron.anklam2@marathoncounty.gov

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Anklam", written over a horizontal line.

Aaron Anklam
Wausau MPO Transportation Planner



SS4A Background/Summary –

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program is a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation that supports local, regional, and tribal efforts to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The program is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

There are two types of grants:

1. **Planning and Demonstration Grants** – to develop or update a Safety Action Plan.
2. **Implementation Grants** – to fund safety projects based on a completed plan.

We would be applying for a Planning Grant to create a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the Wausau MPO.

Grant submission deadline: **Thursday, June 26, 2025**

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan –

A Safety Action Plan is a data-driven, community-informed strategy to eliminate or greatly reduce roadway deaths and serious injuries. It provides a framework for:

- Analyze crash data and identify high risk areas.
- Engage community members and local stakeholders.
- Prioritize safety projects that improve conditions for all road users - including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.
- Builds a list of ready to implement projects eligible for future federal funding.

SS4A Funding –

The grant requires a 20% local match. For the Wausau MPO's proposed Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, the total project budget is estimated at \$200,000.

- \$160,000 (80%) would be covered by federal SS4A funds.
- \$40,000 (20%) must come from local sources.

The SS4A program allows the use of in-kind contributions to fulfill the local match requirement. This makes it possible to meet our 20% obligation without a cash contribution from member communities.



In-kind match refers to non-cash contributions of time or resources that directly support the planning process. For this project, eligible in-kind contributions could include:

- Participation in MPO/TAC/special meetings related to development of the Safety Action Plan
- Attendance at public engagement events
- Meetings with the consultant team during the planning process
- Stakeholder coordination, such as meetings with law enforcement, school districts, or other community groups
- Local staff time spent reviewing materials or providing feedback

All time spent must be documented and directly related to the scope of the Safety Action Plan.

To meet the \$40,000 local match, we estimate that each municipality would need to contribute approximately 40 hours of staff time over the course of the 12-month planning process. This breaks down to roughly 3–4 hours per month per municipality.

Project Objectives –

1. **Identify High-Risk Areas:** Use data analysis to identify intersections, corridors, and locations with the highest crash rates and safety concerns.
2. **Develop Actionable Strategies:** Recommend both short-term and long-term solutions, including engineering, education, enforcement, and policy strategies.
3. **Prioritize Projects for Implementation:** Provide a clear, prioritized list of safety projects and initiatives eligible for future funding opportunities.
4. **Foster Regional Collaboration:** Engage local jurisdictions, community stakeholders, and the public throughout the planning process.

Project Goals –

1. **Significantly Reduce Traffic Fatalities & Serious Injuries.**
2. **Create a Data-Driven Safety Action Plan:** Use crash data, local knowledge, and spatial analysis to identify the most dangerous corridors, especially for vulnerable users like pedestrians, bicyclists, and seniors.
3. **Advance Regional Safety Coordination:** Build stronger partnerships between municipalities, the county, WisDOT, school districts, and emergency services to implement safety strategies.



4. **Integrate Safety into Future Transportation Planning:** Embed safety design principles into the MPO's long range transportation plan (LRTP), TIP, and future local plans. **MPO staff have identified the Safety section of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as a key area in need of significant enhancement for the upcoming plan update.**

Scope of Work –

1. Project Management & Coordination:

- Conduct a kickoff meeting with Wausau MPO Staff, Commission, and stakeholders.
- Develop a project management plan with schedule, milestones, and deliverables.
- Facilitate regular meetings and coordination with the MPO and stakeholders throughout the planning process.

2. Data Collection & Analysis:

- Identify traffic patterns, counts, systemic risk factors, and incorporate innovation/emerging technologies and analysis to create a holistic picture of the region's transportation network.
- Collect and analyze crash data, including fatalities and serious injuries for all modes of transportation.
- Identify high-risk intersections, corridors, and systemic safety issues.
- Incorporate data on roadway characteristics, traffic volumes, speed, land use, and demographics.

3. Community & Stakeholder Engagement:

- Develop a Public Involvement Plan to guide engagement activities.
- Conduct stakeholder workshops, focus groups, and public meetings to gather input from all communities and the public.
- Host at least 3 public input opportunities, these should be in person with a virtual option.
- Ensure outreach is inclusive and representative of the entire community, particularly underserved populations.



4. Development of Strategies & Recommendations:

- Develop a list of infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure initiatives to improve safety outcomes. Identify demonstration projects for grant opportunities.
- Incorporate strategies to reduce barriers to mobility for all users.
- Ensure recommendations prioritize safety improvements for vulnerable road users.

5. Project Identification & Prioritization:

- Develop a prioritization scale to rank projects and initiatives based on safety impact, equity, feasibility, and cost.
- Identify a list of short-, mid- and long-term safety improvement projects.
- Provide a phased implementation plan that aligns with future funding opportunities.
- Include planning level cost estimates for priority projects.

6. Final Comprehensive Safety Action Plan:

- Prepare a final report document that includes an implementation plan with an executive summary, safety analysis findings including data and maps, and recommended strategies and prioritized projects for future implementation.
- Present Plan to the Wausau MPO Commission and other boards/committees as applicable.

Asks from each MPO Community –

We are requesting confirmation of support and in-kind match commitments from each MPO member community. Please review the following requests with your respective municipal leadership:

Requested Actions from Each Municipality:

1. Affirm Support

Confirm your municipality's support for pursuing study funding.

2. Commit to In-Kind Match

Provide an in-kind match through staff time or other eligible resources. The estimated contribution includes:

- **Staff Time:** Approximately 3-4 hours per month over a 12-month period.



- **Additional Contributions:** May include hosting public meetings (e.g., providing community space and refreshments), posting and promoting public engagement opportunities on your website, or assisting with outreach.

Please note: MPO staff time cannot be counted toward the in-kind match due to the MPO receiving federal funding. However, contributions from other County departments (e.g., procurement, legal, finance, GIS, highway dept.) can be included. We estimate up to \$20,000 in in-kind contributions through non-MPO (County) staff time and resources (such as use of the Conference Center).

We will discuss this in more detail at our next MPO meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. If possible, we encourage each community to begin preliminary discussions with your boards or supervisory bodies in accordance with your internal approval processes.