



**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:
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