



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 19th, 2026**

Meeting Attendance:

Duane Gau – Chair, Gaylene Rhoden – Vice Chair, Ryan VanDeWalle, Jeff Gates, Dave Muerett, Brad Lenz, Sydney Turner, Michael Woldalski,

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 Gau at 2:01 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403 and virtually via WebEx.

2. Introductions

Discussion: All attendees in-person and virtually introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment

Discussion: No public comment given or received.

4. Approval of Minutes: February 10th, 2026, Joint MPO Planning Commission & Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by Rhoden/VanDeWalle to approve February 10th, 2026, Joint MPOC & 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 discussed the TIP amendment projects included in the packet, giving an overview of both projects.

Action: Motion/Second by Gates/Rhoden to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

6. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

A. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

Discussion: Anklam provided an overview of the upcoming application and noted that the MPO is seeking approval to submit. The only change from the previous year's application is the dates. Anklam discussed that the application will request funding for a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the MPO area in the amount of 160,000 dollars, with an expected in-kind contribution from municipalities in the amount of 40,000 dollars and an estimated monthly commitment of 3–4 hours from municipal staff. Total project cost would be \$200,000.

Rhoden asked whether support letters would be helpful for the application. Anklam explained that support letters are not required but suggested they might help strengthen our application this time around. Anklam also explained that he refreshed the project narrative based on the feedback staff

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received about their previous year's application in hopes of strengthening the application. Gau expressed support for including a letter of support and asked if municipalities could contribute one. Rhoden committed to providing a letter of support. Anklam will distribute a support letter template.

The deadline for submission is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 26th. Anklam asked that all support letters be sent to him by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 26th.

Action: Motion/Second by VanDeWalle/Rhoden to approve staff submitting the application for an SS4A grant. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

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

B. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, at 2:00 PM

C. Future Agenda Items – TIP Amendment

7. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Gau/VanDeWalle to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:16pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:

Aaron Anklam, Transportation Planner

Wausau MPO