



MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES August 11th, 2026

Meeting Attendance:

Chairperson Duane Gau, Jeff Gates, Brad Lenz, Daryl Landeau NCRPC, James Davel, Jami Gerbert, Mark Thuot R on Schuenke, Brad Lenz, Dave Meurett, Dan Joling, Steph Jaecks, Ryan VanDeWalle, Kory Dercks, Montana Fallin, Laurie Miskimins (Wausau MPO Staff), MaKayla Galecki, Nathan Sandwick, Sydney Eberhardy WisDOT,

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. Public Comment

Discussion: No public comment given or received.

3. Approval of Minutes: July 14th, 2026, MPO Planning Commission Meeting

Action: Motion/Second by Vandewalle/Joling to approve July 14th, 2026, the MPO Planning Commission Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. Policy Issues, Discussion, and Possible Commission Action

A. TIP Amendment

Discussion: Miskimins reported on the planned pavement replacement from North 16th Street to North 18th Street. Meurett noted that the primary update is the progression of the construction component, which will allow the environmental document to be completed and the land acquisition process to move forward.

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

5. Educational Presentations and Commission Discussion

A. 2027 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Travel Demand Model (TDM)

Discussion: The group continued reviewing potential projects for inclusion in the Travel Demand Model (TDM) for the LRTP. Emphasis was placed on ensuring the model captures significant upcoming developments and on clarifying whether the current illustrative project list should be expanded or simply maintained. Interest was noted in examining downtown traffic and potential segments along Thomas Street. It was acknowledged that modeling results could help inform MPO decision-making and that engaging with the Cities of Wausau and Mosinee would support identifying more probable future scenarios.

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

- A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, at 2:00 PM
- B. Future Agenda Items – 2027 UPWP, TIP, LRTP (TDM), City of Wausau NHS changes

6. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Joling/Gates to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:31pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:

Laurie Miskimins, Wausau MPO Director

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