MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 8th, 2026

Meeting Attendance:
Chairperson Duane Gau, Jeff Gates, Brad Lenz, Daryl Landeau (NCWRPC), Mark Thuot, Ron Schuenke, Gaylene Rhoden Brad Lenz, Dave Meurett, Ryan VanDeWalle, Laurie Miskimins (Wausau MPO), MaKayla Galecki (Wausau MPO), Jason Nordberg FHWA

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: August 11th, 2026, MPO Planning Commission Meeting

   Action: Motion/Second by Gates/VandeWalle to approve September 11th, 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 referenced the previous Administrative Change that had been distributed via email. Meurett clarified that the project has completed its design phase and is now ready for implementation, including the addition of construction components into the TIP. This amendment will assist in obtaining ROW for curb ramps.

   Action: Motion/Second by Gates/Rhoden 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. 2027-2030 Draft Tip Plan

   Discussion: The status of the current TIP Draft was reviewed. Adoption is required prior to November 2. The group discussed the existing TIP amendment process, which currently uses a threshold of 10 percent or 1 million dollars. Guidance suggests adopting a formal amendment process based on a dollar amount, a percentage, or a combination of both.

   It was noted that if a dollar threshold is selected, it should exceed 1 million dollars due to the scale of affected projects, with a 2-million-dollar threshold suggested. Participants discussed the value of using a percentage threshold for local projects. A potential structure was outlined in which projects exceeding the selected percentage and those larger than 2 million dollars would require an amendment. General agreement was expressed with this approach.

B. 2027 Draft UPWP

Discussion: Miskimins reported that the UPWP draft has been submitted. It was noted that early in 2027, work will need to be completed on the LRTP, TDP, and begin for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

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

A. Next Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, October 20th, at 2:00 PM
B. Future Agenda Items – 2027 UPWP, TIP, LRTP (TDM), City of Wausau NHS changes

7. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members, Motion/Second by Vandewalle/Rhoden to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:24pm Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:

Laurie Miskimins, Wausau MPO Director

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