

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**October 22, 2024
2:00 P.M.**

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
210 RIVER DR., WAUSAU, WI**

Members: Randy Fifrick – Chair, Dan Helgeson, Allan Opall, Betty Hoenisch, Steve Hagman, Doug Diny, Tim Buttke, Matt Lee Baer, Milton Olson, Chris Voll, Mark Maloney, Brent Jacobson, Kregg Hoehn, Matt Bronson

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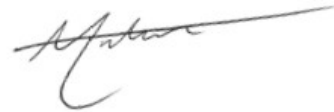
AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
4. 2025-2028 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD
6. ADJOURNMENT

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk’s Office at 715-261-1500 one business day before the meeting.



SIGNED _____
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
September 17th 2024

Meeting Attendance: Randy Fifrlick – Chair, Mark Thuot, Greg Ulman, Jordan Kelbley, Jeff Gates, Darryl Landeau, Brain Grefe, Bill Bertram, Michael Wodalski, Gaylene Rhoden, Justin Johnson, Brad Lenz, Ryan VanDeWalle, Stephanie Jaeckes, Doug Diny, Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, Morgan Arnold

1. Call to Order: In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fifrlick at 2:01 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.
2. Approve Minutes – August 13, 2024, Commission Meeting
Action: Motion/Second by / Rhoden/Thuot to approve the August 13, 2024, Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
3. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
Discussion: Anklam discussed the project to be added to the amendment is the safe routes to school study by D.C. Everest Area School District.
Action: Motion/Second by Gates/ Diny to approve the 2024-2027 TIP Amendment as proposed. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
4. 2025-2028 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Discussion: Anklam presented the draft of the TIP and discussed changes from the DOT that will be incorporated into the final to be brought to the commission in October. The TIP is required to have 30 days of public comment, which will be September 19th – October 21st. September 26th there will be a public meeting here in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau for public to come in and discuss any questions that come up. The final document will be presented to the MPO Commission for adoption at the October 22nd meeting.
Action: Motion/Second by Diny/Thuot to send out for Public Review. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
5. 2025-2028 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Discussion: Anklam presented the UPWP. There is no action needed for this document. The first draft was due to DOT by September 15th. There are still elements in draft to be finalized. The final draft, with updates incorporated from DOT review, will be presented at October's meeting. Contribution figures for the 2025 Cost Share Distribution dollar amounts for each municipality will be shared for budget planning purposes. Fifrlick asked staff to explain the difference between the TIP and the UPWP. The UPWP is a plan that goes over how the MPO is going to spend the money that they receive from the DOT to run the MPO each year. Within the basket of money, we break it up into different categories where the MPO spends its time. For example: implementation of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Transit Planning, Transportation Improvement Program maintenance, and administration of the MPO. The TIP is document that goes over the next 4 years of proposed transportation projects within the Wausau MPO Boundaries. Funding sources for the TIP projects vary.

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6. Eau Claire River Bike/PED Study Presentation – Mark Thuot, Schofield

Discussion: Thuot and representatives from MSA presented on the Eau Claire River Bike/Pedestrian Feasibility Study. Eau Claire River Bike trail is one connection the City of Schofield has wanted to make for some time. MSA was brought in and worked with DOT to scope the project. The next steps will include looking into funding for design and construction, including the potential for STP-Urban.

Transit Work Group (TWG) Update

Discussion: Anklam discussed that they met in August. The goal for each member community of the transit work group is to go back to their elected officials and confirm the questions and roles they want to play in potentially expanding transit in the area at this point. Anklam and Miskimins created 20 slides for members to bring to their group. The first part of the slide deck is about the Transit Work Group and studies done, and the second half of the slide's explains the hypothetical routes that could be studied further and questions for the communities related to continuing with discussions and expansion efforts. The group will likely meet again in December to see what the participating communities have to say.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting Date – October 22nd, 2024

Discussion: Anklam will have the Final TIP and Final UPWP for the Meeting. Thuot asked about possibly changing the meeting times to the third Tuesday of the month versus the second Tuesday. Miskimins said that we talked to the Chair Gibbs about getting a new Vice Chair.

8. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members Motion/ Second by Thuot/VanDeWalle to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:47pm. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
Aaron Anklam, Transportation Planner
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning
Wausau MPO



2025-2028

**FINAL DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(TIP)**

Can be found here:

https://wausaumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2025_Wausau_TIPDocument_FINAL_DRAFT.pdf

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FINAL DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Can be found here:

https://wausaumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2025_Wausau_MPO_UPWP_FINAL_DRAFT.pdf

List of Changes
2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
as of October 15, 2024

Changes to the document since draft was introduced on September 17, 2024.

1. Inside Cover – Removed George Peterson, added Dan Helgeson
2. Page 12 – Updated the Performance-Based Planning and Programming paragraph
3. Page 15 – Updated Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1)
4. Page 19 – Updated 2025 TAM numbers for Equipment and Vehicles
5. Page 23 – Updated TIP Performance Indicators paragraph
6. Page 36-42 – (Table 1, Highway) - Made various small changes to projects based on comments from WisDOT review. Changes included slightly adjusting dollar amounts, and changes to project descriptions.
7. Page 43 – Added projects 71-76. Projects provided by WisDOT
8. Page 45 – Added Map 2 - TIP Projects Map
9. Page 46 – Updated Table 2 based on changes to Table 1
10. Appendix C – Updated our Public Participation Plan to reflect MPO staff changes
11. Appendix C – Added Map 3 – TIP Projects Minority Populations
12. Appendix C – Added Map 4 – TIP Projects Transit Routes

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RESOLUTION # 7-24

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING 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 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 adopts 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 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law No: 117-58) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects. The DBE program ensures equal opportunity in transportation contracting markets, and in the statute Congress established a national goal that 10% of federal funding go to certified DBE firms;
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. Programs and activities funded with federal dollars are prohibited from discrimination based on disability;
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 TIP 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 22nd day of October 2024



Randy Fifrick, Commission Chairman



Laurie Miskimins, Commission Secretary,
Director, Wausau Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization

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2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
as of October 15, 2024

Changes to the document since draft was introduced on September 17, 2024.

1. Inside Cover – Removed George Peterson, added Dan Helgeson
2. Page 1 – Updated Marathon County Allocation Plan Link
3. Page 2 – Updated Identified Projects (3220f, 3230h, 3230i, 3250e, 3240e, 3240f)
4. Page 3 – Updated Staff Time and added Vacant position
5. Page 4 – Updated Staff Org Chart to reflect Vacant position
6. Page 5 – Updated Table 1, 2025 Project Budget
7. Page 7 – Updated Planning Factors chart to reflect the updated Identified Projects
8. Page 8 – Added new section (Previous Year's Accomplishments 2024)
9. Page 10 – Updated Time and Cost
10. Page 11 – Added new section (Previous Year's Accomplishments 2024)
11. Page 13 – Updated Time and Cost
12. Page 13 – Added new section (Previous Year's Accomplishments 2024)
13. Page 14 – Updated Time
14. Page 14 – Added new section (Previous Year's Accomplishments 2024)
15. Page 15 – Updated Time and Cost
16. Page 16 – Added new section (Previous Year's Accomplishments 2024)
17. Page 17 – Updated Time and Cost
18. Page 17 – Added new section (Previous Year's Accomplishments 2024)
19. Page 19 – Updated Time and Cost
20. Page 20 – Updated Table 1, 2025 Project Budget
21. Page 21 – Updated Table 2, 2025 Object Class Budget
22. Page 22 – Updated Table 3, 2025 Cost Share Distribution
23. Appendix B – Added new MPO Self Certification Summary based on WisDOT review and comments
24. Appendix D – Updated our Public Participation Plan to reflect MPO staff changes

APPENDIX A
MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION # 8-24

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK 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 Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department has developed a one-year Unified Planning Work Program for the Wausau Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program identifies the transportation planning activities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization for a period of one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission endorses the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Wausau Metropolitan Area*, 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 adopts the *2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Wausau Metropolitan Area*; and

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4. Section 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law No: 117-58) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in the US DOT funded projects. The DBE program ensures equal opportunity in transportation contracting markets, and in the statute Congress established a national goal that 10% of federal funding go to certified DBE firms;
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends that this document be submitted to the appropriate federal and state agencies for approval.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2024



Randy Fifrick, Chairman



Laurie Miskimins, Commission Secretary,
Metropolitan Planning Organization Director