

MINUTES

January 26, 2026

Members Present: Jonathan Smith (Chair), Alder Tom Neal, Alder Terry Kilian, Chris Filtz, and Veronica Hope

Others Present: Makayla Galecki (Wausau MPO), Lt. Jillian Kurtzhals and Carrie Edmondson

Location: Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Maple Room

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Call to Order

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Consideration of the December 22, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion/second by Neal/Filtz to approve. Passed unanimously. 5-0

4. Discussion and possible action

a. Review 2026 pavement marking list.

Chair Smith noted that he was glad to see that Thomas Street markings were included as he considers this a priority. The group also discussed Stewart Avenue and the condition of those markings. Sharrows and placement were discussed. TJ stated that MUTCD standards are followed for all markings. Future priority marking should be forwarded to Engineering staff.

b. Review bikeshare expansion plan.

Carrie presented on the current City of Wausau bikeshare program including the number of stations, bicycles, and locations. She stated that the two stations are located on the east side of the River Edge Parkway near each other. An expansion plan could include relocating one of the stations and adding three additional stations. A last mile solution is also being explored to connect to the Wausau Business Campus. Alder Neal asked about ridership data and suggested sharing this with potential sponsors. Chris noted that another opportunity for relocation would be farther south on the east side of the River Edge Parkway. Carrie stated the next step would be moving forward to the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee.

Motion/second Neal/Smith to approve. Passed unanimously. 5-0

c. Spring Newsletter submittal – due 3/6/26

Suggestions included bikeshare expansion or Mellow Streets map, to be finalized at the February meeting.

5. Discussion

a. Mellow Streets discussion

Chair Smith reviewed a Mellow Streets map that he has completed. The map includes routes that are less intensive, often directly parallel to mapped bike routes. Additionally, information is included about bicycle amenities. Next steps and opportunities were discussed.

b. Wisconsin Bike Fed educational opportunity.

Marathon County has received a bicycle education grant, and the Wisconsin Bike Fed will be providing educational opportunities to residents of the county. Carrie referenced an email she had forwarded which included a survey where committee members could specify which classes were most desirable. Makayla elaborated on the educational opportunities and stated that the Wisconsin Health Communities Summit will be held in Wausau April 23-24.

6. Update on City projects.

a. RRFB installation 6th Avenue/Bridge Street and 1st Avenue/Callon Street Materials have been ordered.

b. River Edge Parkway – Winton Street to Gilbert Park extension

The OCR petition has been filed. Signs for the on-street route have been ordered. The S. Third Avenue and Imm Street intersection will be evaluated by the Engineering Department.

7. Items for future agendas.

- RRFB update
- Bike flags
- River Edge Parkway

8. Next meeting date.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2026.

9. Adjournment

Motion/second by Filtz/Neal to approve. Passed unanimously. 5-0