

MINUTES

December 22, 2025

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

Others Present: Makayla Galecki (Wausau MPO) 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.

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

**3. Review and approve November 24, 2025, meeting minutes**

*Motion/second by Neal/Filtz to approve. Passed unanimously. 4-0*

**4. Discussion and possible action 2026 Work Plan**

Carrie provided a summary document and a spreadsheet that included a list of items, anticipated outcomes, idea source, specific actions, target dates, identified partners, point persons, and policy directives. There was consensus that most items were included. Tom Neal noted that he thought it would be helpful to work with the Wausau Pilot and Review, working with media partners was added to the summary.

**5. Discussion and possible action on WisDOT Business 51, Lakeview Drive to Kent Street/Eau Claire River Bridge to Lakeview Drive project**

The Committee expressed concern with bicyclist and pedestrian safety. They were concerned that a five-foot bike lane was insufficient and had concern about the sidewalk location which does not include a terrace. They also noted that the acquisition of property would be extremely difficult and problematic. They noted that one option would be to limit access and include separated dedicated bicycle/pedestrian facilities another would be to incorporate speed reduction measures if no separation exists/limited changes to access are made. It was determined that because design informs behavior, traffic calming measures will have the most impact for speed reduction.

*Motion/second by Smith/Filtz to recommend that WisDOT consider traffic calming elements into the design including roundabouts, chicanes, pedestrian refuge islands, street trees, and a reduction in speed throughout this segment. Passed unanimously 4-0.*

Alder Kilian noted that it would be worthwhile for the PD to do a PSA for enforcement to ensure pedestrian safety.

**6. Marathon County MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Update**

The MPO Bike/Ped Subcommittee met on December 4. A new Bicycle Friendly Community application is being coordinated by the MPO. They are also working on a new map. The City of Wausau is looking to expand their bike share program. They are also moving forward with Bicycle Passport. The MPO is looking at creating new biking/pedestrian safety materials and Lieutenant Kurtzhals suggested that it may be beneficial for the Police Department to coordinate with this timing and release pedestrian safety PSAs.

Chris suggested that Marathon Park might be a good bike share station location and there may be a partnership opportunity with Marathon County.

**7. Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Overview**

Carrie provided an overview of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Chris noted that it would be good to revisit this when we have new members.

**8. Submission of content for “Wausau Works for You” City Newsletter**

- 3/6/26 - spring newsletter
- 6/5/26 - summer newsletter
- 9/11/26 – fall newsletter

**9. Update on City projects**

- RRFB installation 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Bridge Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue/Callon Street
- River Edge Parkway – Winton Street to Gilbert Park extension  
The Infrastructure and Facilities Committee meeting approved the resolution for the OCR petition. Now the petition process will begin.

**10. Items for Future Agendas**

Chris asked for continued updates on RRFB installation and River Edge Parkway extension. Choose someone to write spring newsletter content.

**11. Next Meeting Date: January 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

**12. Adjourn**

*Motion/second by Kilian/Neal to adjourn. Passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting ended at 6:03 p.m.*