

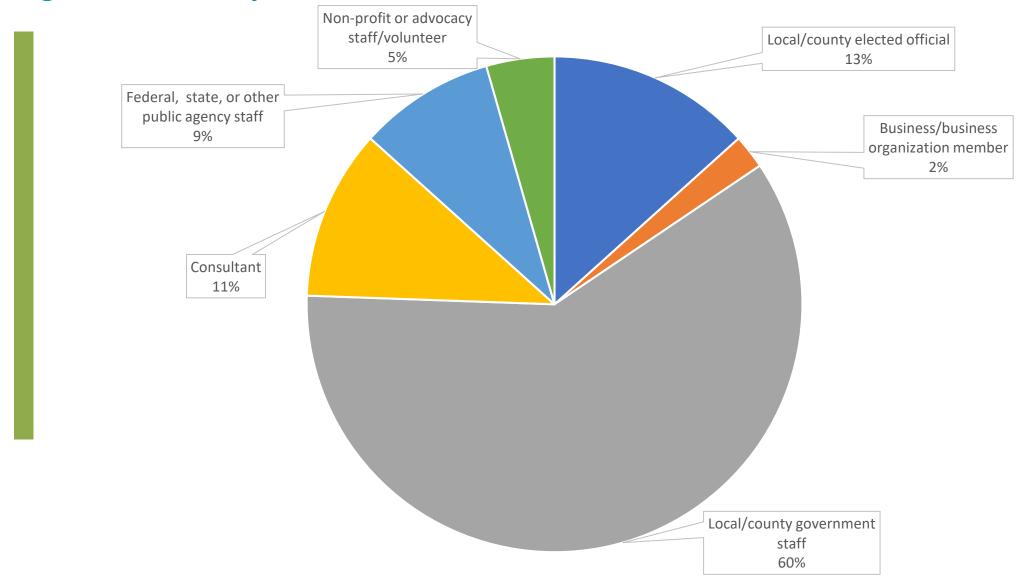
Local Project Funding Opportunities through the MPO and WisDOT

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Registration Survey Results





Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- •Implements the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan
- •Coordinated listing of all federally funded transportation projects in metro area
- •Prepared in cooperation with state and local implementing agencies
- Five-year period; updated annually



Madison Metropolitan Area and Dane County **Transportation Improvement Program**2021-2025





August 2020



Who makes decisions on projects selected for federal funding?

- •WisDOT, MPO, Metro Transit select projects for funds they "control"
 - WisDOT programs projects with state highway funding sources
 - WisDOT also projects with some local project funding sources
 - WisDOT manages the programs for which MPO selects projects (STBG Urban, TAP)
- •MPO ultimately has to concur with all projects regardless of selection agency, determining their consistency with the RTP





Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)- Urban*

Flexible, multimodal funding

Around \$7 million annually with application process every 2 years





University Ave



*Formerly named STP-Urban



Metro Buses

Eligible Project Categories

- Roadway construction
- Transit capital projects
- Bicycle/pedestrian facilities
- Traffic management and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) capital improvements
- Transportation demand management (TDM) programs





Eligible Roadway Cost Categories

- Storm water drainage systems
- Standard streetscape items
- Standard landscaping items
- Signs and signals
- On- and off-street pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Transit facilities







Eligible Roadway Cost Categories (cont.)

NOT eligible per federal law or MPO policy

- Utilities (water, sewer)
- Real estate acquisition
- Engineering design





Project Funding Policies for STBG-Urban Program

- Minimum project costs
- 60% federal cost share
- "Small" project funding goal 10% of available funds





Application Process

Biennial application cycle (odd years in conjunction with WisDOT local program cycle)

June deadline

5-6 year program of projects maintained

Funding awards typically for years 4-6





Project Screening Criteria

- Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan
- "Complete" streets policy
- Local policy body financial commitment
- Timely implementation fully scoped project
- Reasonable cost estimate and schedule





STBG-Urban Projeect Scoring System

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		Scoring System			
	Category	Roadway	Transit	ITS	Bike
			(Infrastr.)		
1	Importance to Regional Transportation System and	18	25	15	25
	Supports Regional Development Framework				
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2	System Preservation	20	15	5	5
3	Congestion Mitigation/TSM	12	15	20	5
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4	Safety Enhancement	20	5	20	20
5	Enhancement of Multi-modal Options/Service	12	15	15	25
6	Environment	8	10	15	5
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7	Equity	10	15	10	15
	Total	100	100	100	100
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	ations requesting bus purchase funding will be evaluated but		ypci		



Relationship of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals and Policies to STBG-Urban Project Evaluation Criteria

	Relationship of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals and Policies to STBG - Urban Project Evaluation Criteria					
	RTP Goal	Relevant Supporting Policies	STBG-U Project Criteria Category			
	Create Connected Livable	Promote walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.	Multi-Modal; Environment; Equity			
1	Neighborhoods and Communities	Encourage growth in dev. Areas, activity centers, and along transit corridors. Build complete streets that are safe, convenient, and attractive for everyone. Utilize context sensitive transportation facility design.	Regional Transp. System/Reg Dev. Framework Multi-Modal; Safety; Environment; Equity Multi-Modal; Environment; Equity			
		Address the safety and security of all users in planning, designing, building, and maintaining the transportation system.	Multi-Modal; Safety; Equity			
		Retrofit existing transp. facilities that pose safety risks with safer, modern designs. Minimize conflicts between motorized and non-motorized traffic through lower roadway speeds where appropriate, safe crossings, and other means.	Safety; System Preservation Multi-Modal; Safety; Equity			
2	Improve Public Health, Safety, and Security	Prioritize active transportation facility improvements that will improve access to jobs, schools, etc., and those located in areas with underserved populations.	Multi-Modal; Environment; Equity			
		Promote and facilitate active transportation for short trips including maintenance of active transportation facilities.	Multi-Modal; System Preservation; Environment			
		Manage access to the regional roadway system to preserve and improve safety and operational efficiency.	Congestion Mitigation. & TSM; Safety			
		Employ ITS to improve safety and system reliability Reduce vulnerability of transp. system to natural hazards.	Congestion Mitigation. & TSM; Safety Environment			



Roadway Projects Scoring Criteria

Project Category	Scoring Criteria
1. Importance to Regional Transportation System and Supports Regional Development Framework (18 points)	 Roadway Functional Class (3 – 9 pts) Freight Route (0 – 3 pts) Supports Employment or Mixed-Use Center, and/or Serves Mixed-Use Corridor (0 – 6 pts)
2. System Preservation (20 points)	 Pavement Condition (0 – 20 pts)
3. Congestion Mitigation & Transportation System Management (TSM) (12 points)	 Congestion Mitigation/TSM (0 – 12 pts)
4. Safety Enhancement (20 points)	 Crash History/Severity of Crashes; and Potential Crash Reduction Impact of the Proposed Roadway Improvement(s) (0 – 20 pts)
5. Enhancement of Multi-Modal Options (12 points)	 Pedestrian Facilities (0 – 2 pts) Bicycle Facilities – Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) (0 – 6 pts) Transit Facilities/Route (0 – 4 pts)
6. Environment (8 points)	 Use of Alternative Modes (0 – 4 pts) Storm water Control (0 – 4 pts)
7. Equity (10 points)	 Environmental Justice (0 – 10 pts)

Bicycle Projects Scoring Criteria

Project Category	Scoring Criteria
1. Importance to Regional Transportation System and Supports Regional Development Framework (25 points)	 System Connectivity and Continuity (0 –20 pts) Provides bicycling and walking opportunities in areas of natural, cultural, or historic interest (0 – 5 pts)
2. System Preservation (5 points)	• Facility Maintenance (0 – 5 pts)
3. Congestion Mitigation & Transportation System Management (TSM) (5 points)	 Increases attractiveness of bike/ped travel and/or improves access to transit stops in a corridor or area with significant traffic congestion (0 – 5 pts)
4. Safety Enhancement (20 points)	 Crash History and Mitigation Measures: Addresses documented and perceived hazardous conditions; addresses network deficiency identified in SRTS Plan (0 – 10 pts) Provides facility suitable for less experienced bicyclists (0 – 10 pts)
5. Enhancement of Multi-Modal Options (25 points)	 Population Served (0 – 13 pts) Destinations Served (0 – 12 pts)
6. Environment (5 points)	 Use of Alternative Modes (0 – 5 pts)
7. Equity (15 points)	 Environmental Justice & Accessibility (0 – 12 pts) Public Health (0 – 3 pts)

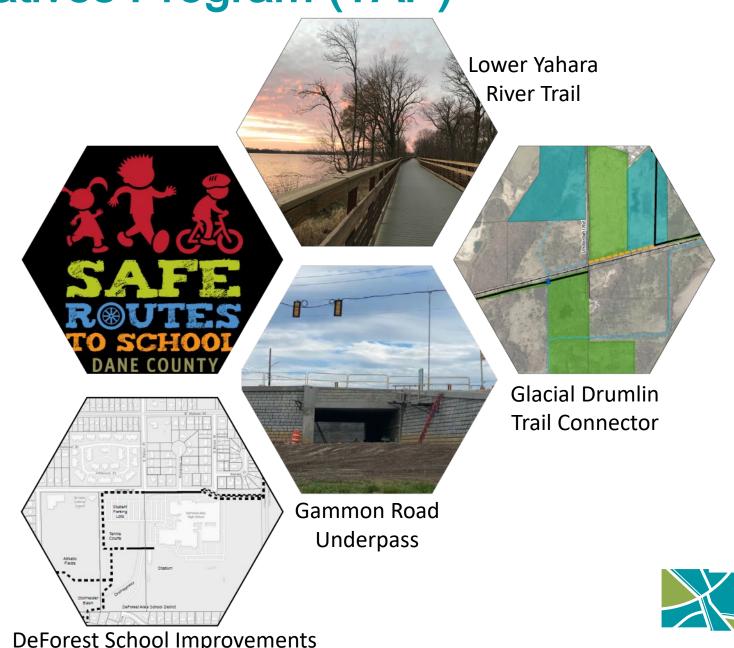
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

For bicycle/pedestrian projects

Around \$600,000 annually with application process every 2 years

Project selection process, policies, and scoring criteria can be found at:

https://www.greatermadisonmpo.org/planning/improvementprogram.cfm



Eligible Project Categories

- On- and off-street facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians (new or enhanced)
- Conversion of abandoned rail corridors to trails
- Infrastructure related projects that provide safe routes for non-drivers
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) non-infrastructure projects





Eligible Project Cost Categories

Infrastructure projects: Construction ONLY

NOT eligible per MPO policy:

- Real estate acquisition
- Engineering/design
- Utilities
- Reconstruction of existing facilities

[Note: enhancements of existing facilities are eligible]



MPO Policies & Requirements for TAP Projects

Cost Share

60% federal share with sliding % for projects < \$600,000

Requirements

Year-round maintenance program

Appropriate wayfinding

Other Policies & Screening Criteria (Generally Same as WisDOT)

Min. \$300,000 for infrastructure projects encouraged

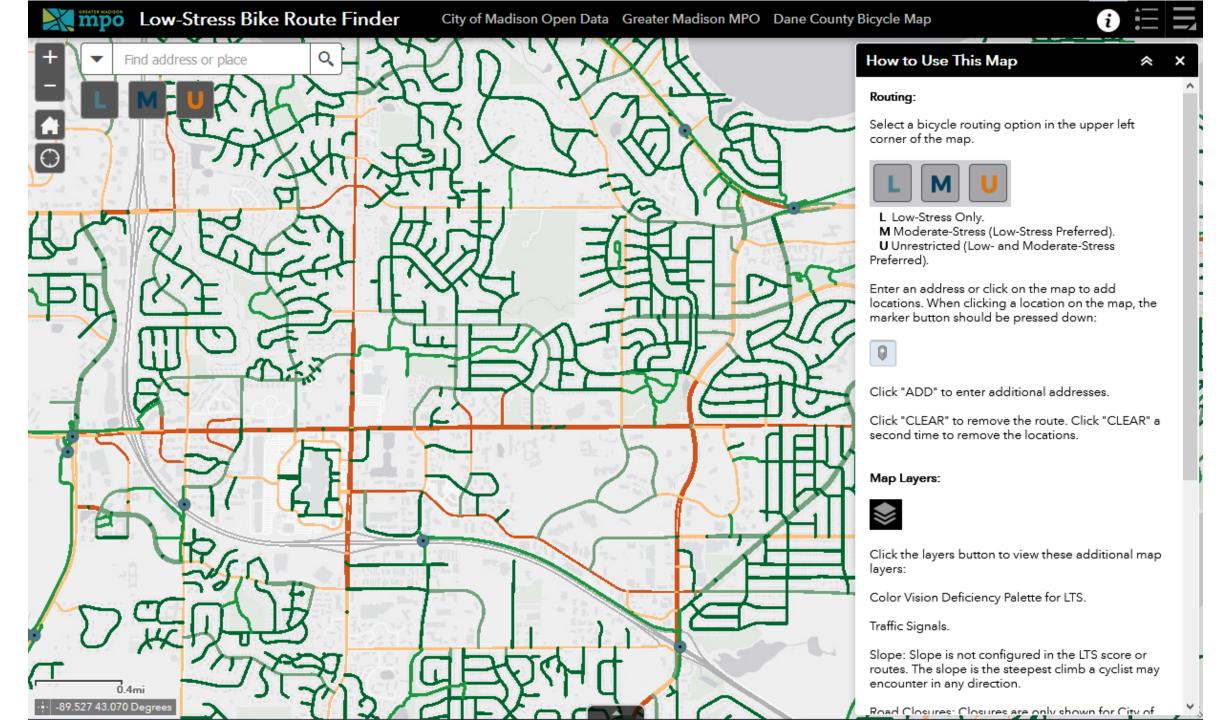
Compliance with WisDOT Bicycle Facilities Handbook, Facilities Dev. Manual, and ADA

Thorough consideration of ROW, environmental, etc. issues



Bicycle/Pedestrian Infrastructure Projects Scoring Criteria

Project Category	Scoring Criteria
1. Enhances Mobility and Connectivity (25 points)	 Regional or Local/Neighborhood Importance (10 pts) New or Missing Link in <u>Low Traffic Stress (LTS) Network</u>, Network Extension, or Elimination of Barrier (15 pts)
2. Usage and Accessibility (30 points)	 High Usage (8 pts) Increases Access to Jobs, Services, Other Destinations (5 pts) Quality of Life (5 pts) Environmental Justice & Health Equity (12 pts)
3. Safety (20 points)	 Crash History and/or Documented Safety Problem Improves Safety and Accessibility for Range of Users Improves the Perception of Safety where there is no Documented Safety Problem
4. Cost Effectiveness (15 points)	Project Cost/Benefit (10 pts)Other Funding, Cost Efficiencies (5 pts)
5. Congestion Management (5 points)	Will increase bicycling/walking in congested travel corridor
6. Opportunity/Risk (5 points)	 Whether risk/lost opportunity if project not selected Whether could be done more cost effectively because combining with larger project



Safe Routes to School Non -Infrastructure Projects Scoring Criteria

1. Scope of Audience/Reach/Impact (50 points)

- Impact, including # of students (15 pts)
- Adds value to other improvements/programs in school/community (10 pts)
- Likelihood of increasing walking/bicycling to school (15 pts)
- Project engages broader community (10 pts)

2. Health, Safety, and Environmental Justice (50 points)

- Program in school(s) with high rate of low income students (20 pts)
- Fosters improved health/healthy lifestyle (15 pts)
- Increases real or perceived safety (15 pts)





Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310

Program

For projects that improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options

Around \$300,000 annually with annual application process

Project selection process, policies, and scoring criteria can be found at:

https://www.greatermadisonmpo.org/planning/ SpecializedTransportation.cfm







Local Programs Funding Opportunities Madison MPO and WisDOT

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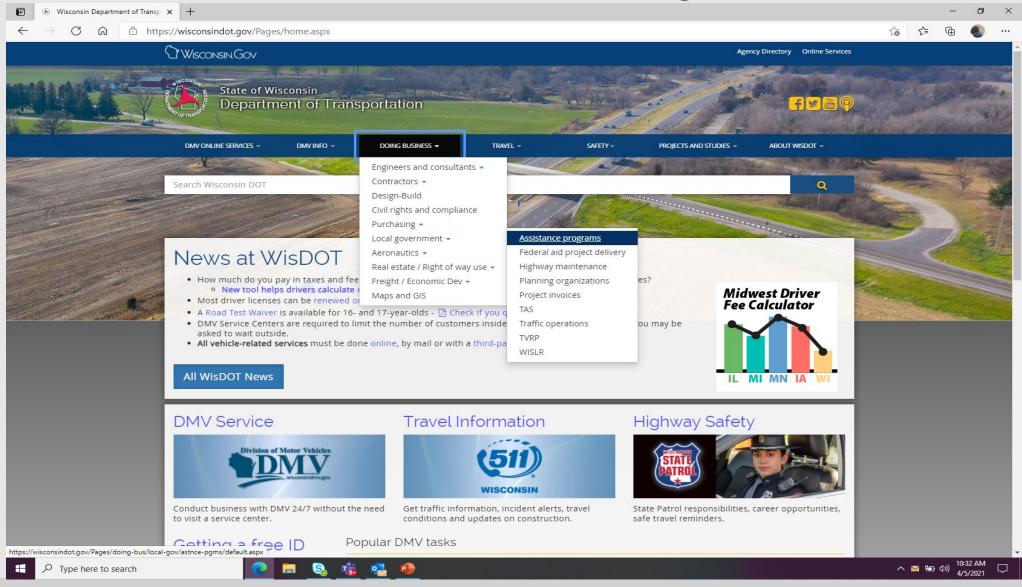


2022 – 2027 Statewide Local Program cycle

April 29, 2021



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WisDOT Programs Managed by the WisDOT Region's

- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Urban
- STP-Local Bridge
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Transportation Economic Assistance Program (TEA)
- STP Rural (This program is for Roadways functional classified) as Collector and higher outside of Urban areas)















Programs Managed by WisDOT Central Office – **Local Program Finance Section**

Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP)

https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/lrip.aspx

Local Roads Improvement Program – Supplemental (LRIP –S) formally known as Multimodal Local Supplemental Program (MLSP) - \$75 Million Requested in the Governor's 2021 – 2023 Budget.















WisDOT Programs Application Schedules

- STP-Urban/STP Rural/Local Bridge Odd years (2021/2023) spring through fall (approvals February 2022)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Even years (2022/2024) August (2021) - late (approvals June/July 2022)
- Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) Continuous First come first severed
- Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) Odd years (2021/2023) in coordination with the biennial budget cycle - applications beginning in September 2021















Application TIPS and Pointers

- Fully Scoped What do you want to design/construct?
- Reasonable Estimate Are you requesting enough \$\$\$
- Schedule Can you build this project in a reasonable time
- Advance Design Design before applying for Funding
- Real Estate ? Railroad ? Utilities ? Public Favor or Oppose ?















Federal Aid – Stand alone Program

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants (formerly BUILD and before that TIGER)
- The program is highly competitive less than 1% of applications approved last cycle
- This is one of the few DOT discretionary programs for which regional and local governments can directly compete for multimodal transportation funding.
- Funding is up to 50% of the total eligible project costs
- Applications due: July 12, 2021
- https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants



















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Highway Safety Improvement Program

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> **2022 – 2025 Program Cycle April 29, 2021**

What is the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)?

- A federal reimbursement program for projects that reduce the number and severity of crashes on public roads.
- Preference is for low-cost treatments that can be deployed relatively quickly.
- WisDOT selects proposed projects by analyzing reported crashes and the proposed treatment's ability to reduce similar crashes in the future.















Example: Mineral Point Road & Midvale Blvd Intersection reconstruction

- Left turn lanes on EB & WB Midvale Boulevard
- Hill warning system on NB Mineral Point Road























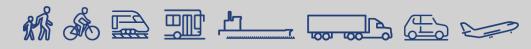
Typical HSIP Project Funding

- 90% Federal funds (up to the project's cap)
- 10% funded by Project Sponsor (plus any balance or non-participating items)

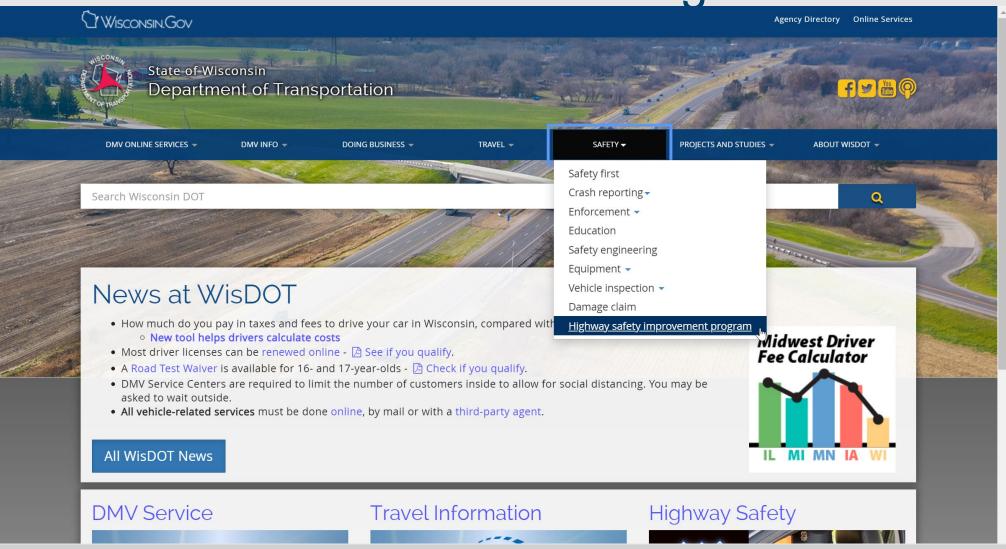
Project Letting

Projects must be LET through WisDOT's bid letting (not locally LET)





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The HSIP Application Form

Design ID			Tied Project I	Os	
Related IDs					
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1. PROJECT LOCATION					
Name of Road/Intersection	on			Highway Number	
County	City of		Village of	Town of	
Name of the MPO the Pro	oject is Represented by	,			
Is this project located on	a connecting highway?	Yes No			
Is this project part of a lar			o; If yes, improvem	ent project ID	
2. SEGMENT INFORMAT	TION				
Current Average Daily Tr.	affic		Project Lengt	n (miles)	
Crash Rate		Roadway Width		Shoulder Width	
3. INTERSECTION INFO	RMATION				
Crash Rate		Entering Vehicle	Volume	Roadway Width	
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HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PROJECT APPLICATION (continued) Wisconsin Department of Transportation DT1501

6. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS - Provide ALL project costs in today's dollars for all project elements, regardless of whether HSIP funding will be used

	Prelim. Engineering/ Design (include state review)	Real Estate	Major Construction Items (include Const. Engineering, Mobilization, and Contingencies)	Other Costs	TOTAL
SFY2021					
SFY2022					
SFY2023					
SFY2024					
SFY2025					
SFY2026					
TOTAL					

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Region Approval – Project Supervisor	Date – m/d/yyyy
Region Approval – Planning Supervisor	Date - m/d/yyyy
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Approving Authority	Date - m/d/yyyy

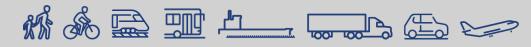
DT1501 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Project Application



Other Application Materials

- Site Photos
- Sketch of Project Proposal (proposed treatment)
- Crash Diagram
- Itemized Cost Estimate





HSIP Project Application Cycle

- Two application cycles per year.
- Both cycles are the same, accepts the same types of applications, etc.
- Applications are due to the WisDOT region office by February 15th or August 15th. Region office reviews, suggests edits, computes a project evaluation factor, and then submits the application to Central Office.
- Official approval or denial arrives in May/June or October/November.

















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Thank you for joining us today!

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