

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S
TRANSPORTATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 12, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

**Large Conference Room
210 RIVER DR., WAUSAU, WI**

Commission Purpose: *The Commission shall be concerned with studies and recommendations relating to activities including but not limited to land-use; natural resources; utilities; and transportation systems within the metropolitan planning area. (Commission Bylaws last updated: 6-12-08)*

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): *Gaylene Rhoden, Jared Grande, Tim Vergara, Keith Donner, Jeff Gates, Mark Thout, Brad Lenz, Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Darryl Landeau, Jim Griesbach, Greg Seubert, Richard Downey, Scott Turner, Keith Rusch, Brian Grefe, Eric Lindman, David Eckmann, James Kuehn, David Meurett, Gary Olsen*

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Agenda Items:

1. CALL TO ORDER;
2. PUBLIC COMMENT;

Policy Discussion and Possible Action:

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2022 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING;
4. STP-URBAN SCORING AND CRITERIA DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REVISIONS
5. BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) UPDATE
6. ADJOURN.

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**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes – March 8, 2022**

Meeting Attendance: Andrew Lynch, John Robinson, Mark Thout, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Kevin Lang, Greg Seubert, Brad Sippl, Jeff Gates, Michael Wodalski, Jared Wehner, Brenda Iczkowski, Eric Lindman, Keith Rusch, Mitch Batuzich, Tim Vergara, Ben Roskoskey, Jordan Kelbley

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Robinson at 1:00 p.m., at 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Transportation TAC meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY VERGARA / WEHNER TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 12, 2021 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

4. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Selection

Discussion: Lynch shared at the January 27th Bicycle Pedestrian Sub-committee meeting, the members ranked the two projects that applied to the TAP funding. The committee ranked the projects in the following order: The City of Schofield project - Business 51 Pedestrian Bridge and Bypass Trail; and City of Wausau - Business Campus East-West Trail.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY WODALSKI / WEHNER TO RANK THE PROJECTS PER THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CITY OF SCHOFIELD BEING FIRST AND THE CITY OF WAUSAU SECOND, MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE.

5. STP-Urban Scoring and Criteria Discussion and Possible Revisions

Discussion: Lynch refreshed the committee of the scoring and criteria from the previous years. Last year, the Wausau MPO established the STP-Urban projects be at 70% with the 30% is the sponsoring local government. A project that is below 55% federal level will not be funded and any other remaining funds will be distributed in rank order to bring projects to the 80% federal level. Included in the packet is the project eligibility and project scoring that was reviewed with the committee. No changes will be made for the FFY22 solicitation period but staff will develop ways to encourage quick completion of projects.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF UPDATES.

6. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Update

Discussion: Lynch attended a webinar last Thursday that was hosted by Senator Baldwin and Secretary Thompson on the Federal Fiscal Year 23 (FFY23). There is also a webinar this Thursday on FFY23. Secretary Thompson mentioned the state acquired funding for statewide funding of EB charging stations within 50 miles off interstates and highways. Next TAP will be available in August 2022. A link will be emailed to the commission.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: THE BIL LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO THE COMMISSION MEMBERS.

7. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **ROBINSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 2:58 PM. MOTION CARRIES.**

Submitted by:
David Mack, MPO Director
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning



Wausau MPO Scoring update for STP funding

At the February TAC meeting, members were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the STP scoring used by MPO staff to rank projects applying for STP funds. The main feedback was to develop a way to encourage faster completion of projects to maximize available funding. It was decided to not apply any changes to the FFY22 solicitation, but to return with options for the FFY23 solicitation cycle. MPO staff has developed some options for the committee to consider:

Reduce the score of municipalities that already have funded projects.

	TOTAL	RANK	Reduction	New Score	New Rank
Marathon County*	1.2	6	-10%	1.08	7
City of Wausau*	2.35	1	-10%	2.115	2
Town of Rib Mountain	2.15	2		2.15	1
Town of Wausau	0.55	8		0.55	8
Village of Rothschild	1.95	4		1.95	4
Village of Weston	1.85	5		1.85	5
City of Mosinee	1.2	7		1.2	6
City of Mosinee	2	3		2	3

Pros: Easy for staff to implement.

Con: 10% is an arbitrary number. What is the 'correct' number? Construction date is set by WisDOT.

Project Complexity

In this field, all projects start with 3 points. Deductions are made for involvement of Railroad, Environmental, or Right-Of-Way.

Example: Project X crosses the RR tracks but no environmental concerns and no ROW beyond curb ramps. Project X = 2 points

Pros: Addresses projects with more complex items

Con: Staff would make subjective measurements. Complex items often cannot be avoided.

No Change

The TAC can continue to work on this issue but make no changes for the FFY23 projects.



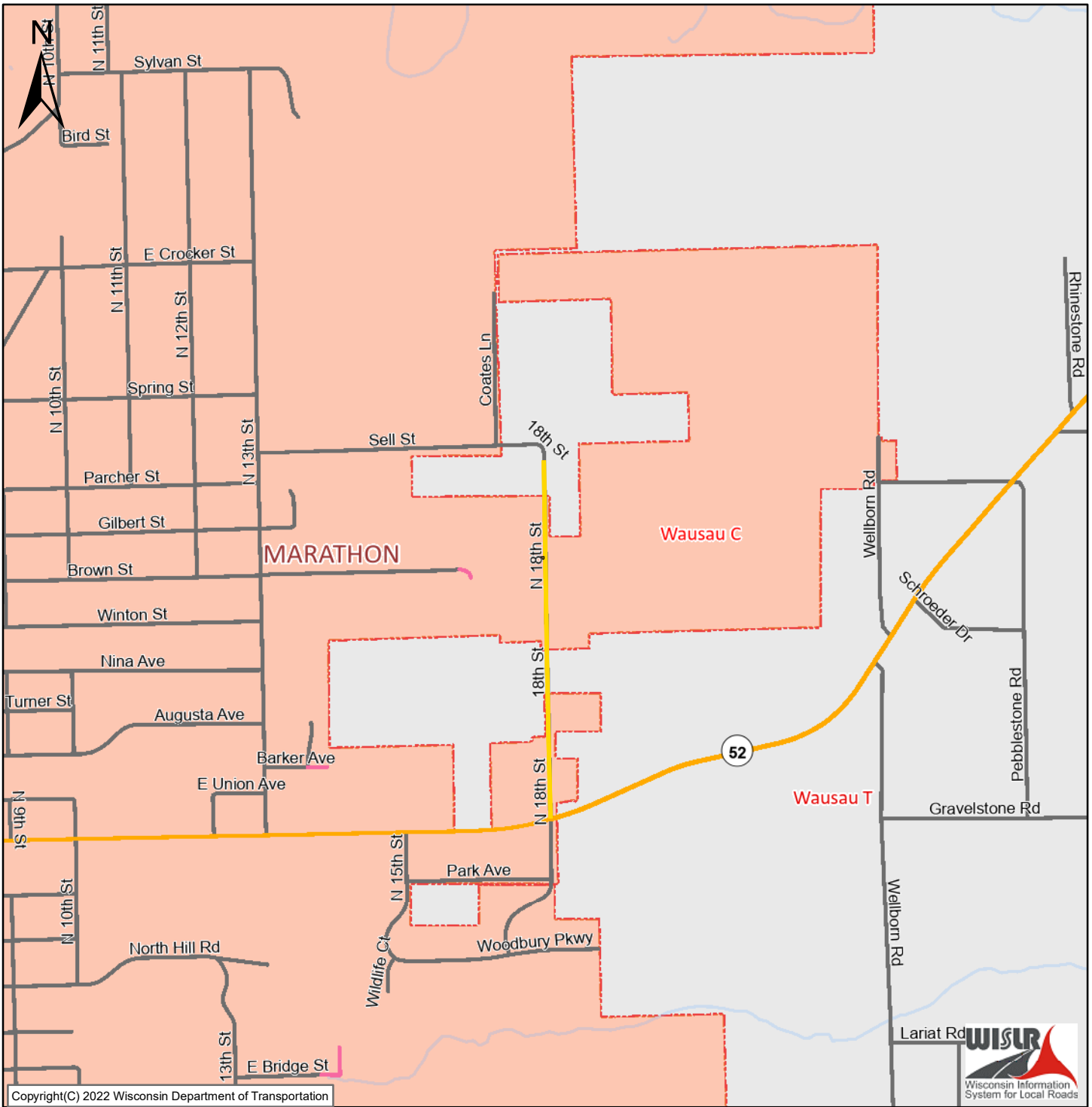
BIL Update – Projects for FFY22

Two municipalities, Village of Weston and City of Wausau submitted projects for FFY22 funding available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The criteria placed on these funds, to facilitate a quick and simple project, did limit the options in the MPO area. Maps of the projects are on the following pages.

Village of Weston
Northwestern Ave
Between CTH X and Village limits

City of Wausau
18th Street
Between Wausau Ave and Sell St

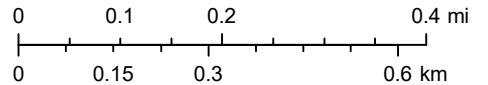
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- Poor
- +— Railroads

State Trunk Network

- Interstate Highway
- USH Highway
- USH Connecting Highway
- State Trunk Highways

- STH Connecting Highways
- On-Off Ramp
- Connector
- Frontage Road
- Wayside
- Rest Area
- Weigh Station

County Roads

- - - County Trunk Hwy
- - - County Forest Roads
- - - Other County Roads

Local Roads

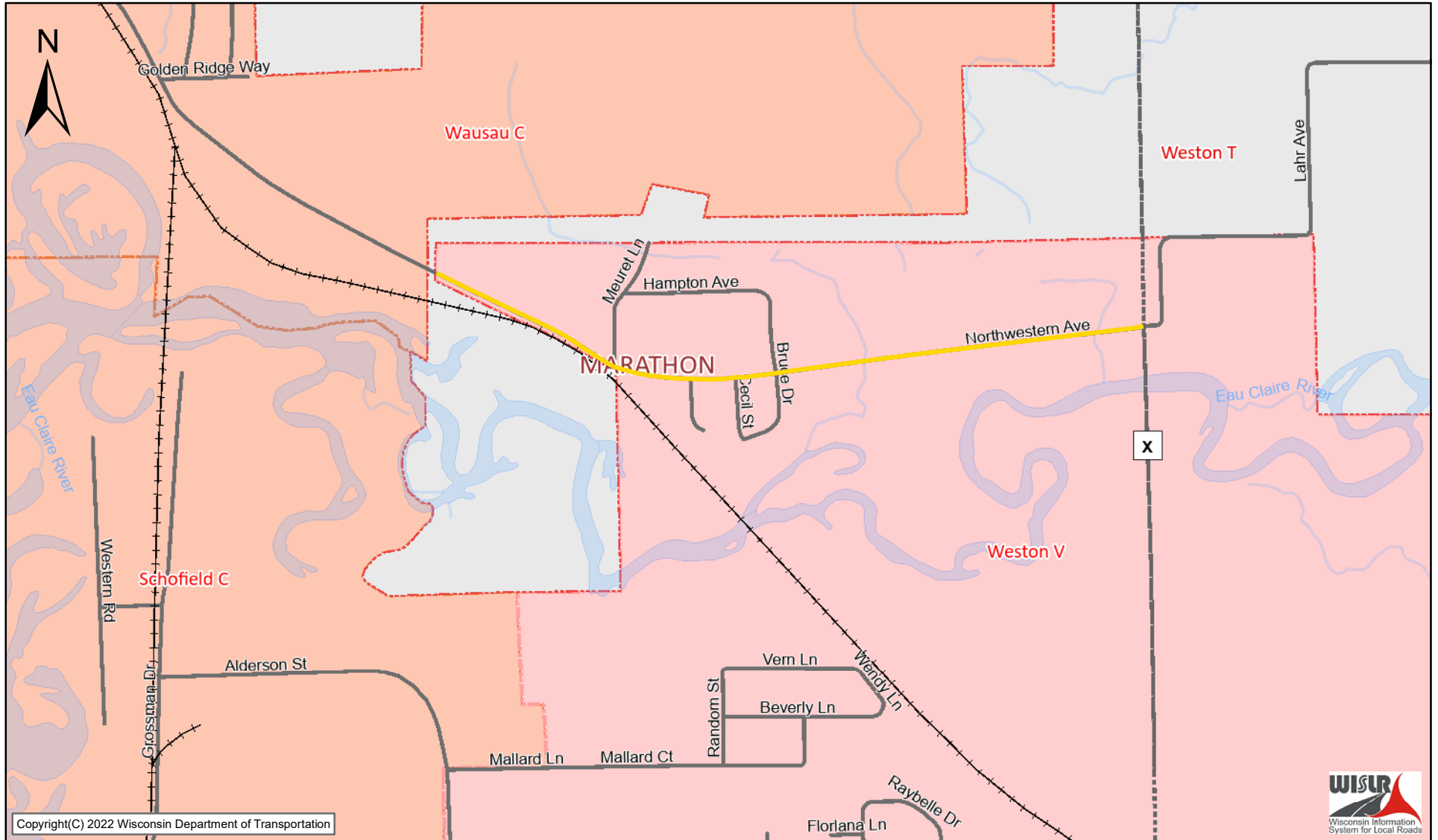
- Municipal/Local Roads
- Ineligible Roads
- Rivers

- Lakes

Cities/Villages/Towns

- City
- Village
- Town
- Counties

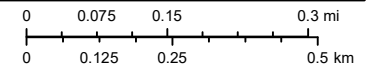
Northwestern Ave - Village of Weston



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —+— Railroads State Trunk Network — Interstate Highway — USH Highway — USH Connecting Highway — State Trunk Highways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — STH Connecting Highways — On-Off Ramp — Connector — Frontage Road — Wayside — Rest Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Weigh Station County Roads --- County Trunk Hwy --- County Forest Roads --- Other County Roads | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Roads — Municipal/Local Roads — Ineligible Roads — Rivers — Lakes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities/Villages/Towns — City — Village — Town — Counties |
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Carbon Reduction Program Announcement

4/11/2022

Background

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 (BIL) establishes a Carbon Reduction Program. This new federal program provides funding for projects that reduce transportation emissions and requires states to develop comprehensive carbon reduction strategies.
- Wisconsin's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 estimated suballocation requirement for the Carbon Reduction Program is \$15.6M.
- The federal cost share on projects eligible for Carbon Reduction funding is 80 percent and 20 percent local share. Projects in areas over 200,000 population must be selected in coordination with the metropolitan planning organization that represents the urbanized area prior to obligating funding.
- This solicitation is to obligate funds to meet the FFY22 draft apportionments.

FFY 2022 Draft Apportionments

Population	Over 200K	50K – 200K	5K – 50K	< 5K
Federal Funding	\$6,111,075	\$2,578,811	\$1,791,560	\$5,091,611

- WisDOT will utilize an expedited process to ensure that available funds are obligated by 9/30/22.
- TMAs representing population areas over 200,000 and MPOs representing population areas between 50,000 and 200,000 will pick their projects (\$8,689,886 of FFY22 funding) that meet eligibility guidelines for the Carbon Reduction Program.
 - MPOs should coordinate applications and submit selected projects to WisDOT by June 1st.

Population Areas > 200K		Population 50K ≤ Areas ≤ 200K	
TOTAL	\$ 6,111,075	TOTAL	\$ 2,578,811
Appleton	\$ 591,909	Beloit	\$ 123,563
Green Bay	\$ 565,528	Duluth	\$ 74,059
Madison	\$ 1,099,895	Eau Claire	\$ 281,647
Milwaukee	\$ 3,769,297	Fond du Lac	\$ 150,339
Minneapolis--St. Paul	\$ 756	Janesville	\$ 190,749
Round Lake Beach	\$ 83,690	Kenosha	\$ 339,722
		La Crosse	\$ 261,541
		Oshkosh	\$ 203,995
		Racine	\$ 366,120
		Sheboygan	\$ 195,281
		Wausau	\$ 204,370
		West Bend	\$ 187,425

- For population areas less than 50,000 (\$6,883,171 of FFY22 funding), local units of government submit applications to WisDOT Regions (see end of document for a list of contacts).
 - Applications must include project cost estimate showing project cost eligible for federal reimbursement. The federal cost share is 80 percent and 20 percent local share.
 - WisDOT reviews and picks projects utilizing a discretionary selection committee structure similar to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).
 - Project award announcements are anticipated in June 2022.

Timeline

- **Week of April 11** – Carbon Reduction Program solicitation distributed to locals (Guidelines, Application, Application Instructions)
- **Week of April 18** – WisDOT holds informational webinar for Carbon Reduction Program
- **May 6, 2022** – Carbon Reduction Program application deadline
- **May 2022** – Project Selection
- **June 2022** – Project Awards

Project Eligibility

- Note Aug 1 PS&E would be required for all FFY22 construction projects.
- The following project activities are listed in the BIL as eligible for Carbon Reduction Program funding:
 - Establishment or operation of a traffic monitoring, management, and control facility or program, including advanced truck stop electrification systems ([23 USC, Section 149\(b\)\(4\)](#));
 - A public transportation project that is eligible for federal assistance (23 USC, Section 142);
 - Construction, planning, and design of on- or off-road trail facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists;
 - Advanced transportation and congestion management technologies ([23 USC, Section 503\(c\)\(4\)\(E\)](#));
 - Deployment of infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems capital improvements and the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications systems;
 - Replacement of street lighting and traffic control devices with energy-efficient alternatives;
 - Congestion pricing, shifting transportation demand to non-peak hours or other transportation modes, increasing vehicle occupancy rates, or otherwise reducing demand for roads, including electronic toll collection and transportation demand management strategies;
 - Efforts to reduce environmental and community impacts of freight movements;
 - Deployment of alternative fuel vehicles and charging/fueling infrastructure;
 - Purchase or lease of zero-emissions construction equipment and vehicles;
 - Diesel engine retrofit projects as described in [23 USC, Section 149\(b\)\(8\)](#);
 - A project that does not result in the construction of new capacity ([23 USC, Section 149\(b\)\(5\)](#));
 - Reduction of transportation emissions at port facilities, including through the advancement of port electrification; and
 - Projects eligible under the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (23 USC, Section 133(b)), if the US DOT secretary certifies that the project will reduce transportation emissions.

WisDOT Contacts

To determine which region should receive your application, consult the WisDOT region map

<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/who-we-are/dtsd/dtsd-region-offices.aspx>.

WisDOT Region	Contact	Phone	Email
SE Region	Jacob Varnes	(262) 548-8789	jacob.varnes@dot.wi.gov
SW Region	Michael Erickson	(608) 246-5361	michael.erickson@dot.wi.gov
NW Region	Randy Kirk	(715) 392-7860	randall.kirk@dot.wi.gov
NC Region	Ben Roskoskey	(715) 365-5783	benjamin.roskoskey@dot.wi.gov
NE Region	Alex Dums	(920) 492-5707	alex.dums@dot.wi.gov
Statewide	Kia Her	(608) 267-7350	kia.her@dot.wi.gov