

## Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairman Kallas and Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Task Force Members

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Subject: Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan

### Background

The City of Watertown, with assistance from HKGi, Inc., has developed a draft city-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan (Plan), funded in part with a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). As the Advisory Committee for this plan, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Task Force (Task Force) members and partners are now asked to review and provide comments on the draft Plan.

The city-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan will guide future installations and connections of bicycle and/or pedestrian routes, initiatives and other measures to promote safe access and travel around the city and connect to the larger region, via non-vehicular transportation modes. The plan is designed to be an important piece in future grant applications, project selection and budget discussions.

A recommendation from the Task Force to advance the draft Plan, contingent on any revisions that come out of the Task Force meeting, would allow for review and discussion of the draft Plan at the Public Works Commission level. A future recommendation for the Common Council to adopt the Plan would then be requested of the Public Works Commission.

### Budget Goal

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2. Fosters community growth by assessing opportunities, stakeholder input, environmental needs, and modern code and policy priorities
3. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

## Financial Impact

The WisDOT TAP Grant funds 80% of the study, up to \$80,000.00. The City's share of the grant project is 20%, or \$20,000. The plan is expected to cost \$99,654.37.

## 2025 Operational Goals

*Present a budget that (Department select the relevant goals, and delete those not relevant):*

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