

## Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Interim Chairman Beyer and Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Task Force Members

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Subject: Tivoli Island Historic Bridge Study Update

### Background

The City of Watertown was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from WisDOT for an evaluation of Tivoli Island Historic Bridge. This is the first step in assessing the condition of this unique structure, to be used in future grant and funding alternatives to protect the structure into the future. This bridge is used to access Tivoli Island and is primarily used for pedestrians and bicyclists. Cars and other vehicles do not use this bridge.

An Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consulting firm to evaluate the historic nature of this bridge is currently posted; proposals are due May 16, 2025. After selection of a consultant, City staff will work with the consultant and WisDOT on the third-party contract format that is use for these grants. Project work is anticipated to start this winter.

### Budget Goal

1. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure to ensure safety, quality, and equity
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 \$25,600.00.