

MEMO

TO: Interim Chair Andrew Beyer and Task Force Members
FROM: Maureen McBroom
DATE: August 8, 2024
RE: Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Task Force Agenda Narrative for August 13, 2024

Agenda Item:

Update, No Action Required: Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Master Plan Project

BACKGROUND

City staff applied for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) in 2022 for funding to develop a city-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Master Plan. The City was awarded \$80,000 under this reimbursable grant program.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Task Force, in conjunction with the Engineering Division, has been developing and implementing recommendations to improve many segments of the City's bicycle and pedestrian paths since 2016. The upcoming City-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan will focus on connecting the existing path segments to other paths, including Dodge and Jefferson County paths that lead connect the City to the larger region, and to employment, commercial areas, schools, recreational and other destinations. The Bike & Pedestrian Path Task Force and their previous recommendations will be key resources in the development of the Master Plan. Other existing and current plans, as well as input from a broad cross section of the public and interested stakeholders, will be considered as part of this effort. The Master Plan will be developed with the goal of improving the City's grant scores on future construction projects.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in April, with no firms responding. A second RFP was advertised in June, with two firms submitting proposals to complete this study. City staff have reviewed and scored the proposals, and have been working through the TAP Grant process with WisDOT staff. The study and grant are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026.

City staff plan to enter into a three-party contract with HKGi and WisDOT to complete this City-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Master Plan.

Attachments:

Resolution to Award Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Master Plan Project