

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 Requested: Tivoli Island Historic Bridge Study

BACKGROUND

City staff applied for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) in 2022 for funding to study the historic Tivoli Island Bridge. The City was awarded \$25,600 under this reimbursable grant program.

This approximately 105-foot by 15-foot pedestrian bridge was originally built in 1877, and was placed in its current position over the Rock River between Tivoli Drive and Tivoli Island Park in 1906. It is one of the only surviving bowstring bridges in Wisconsin. The bridge is falling into disrepair rendering travel unsafe, which impacts management of Tivoli Island Park from a maintenance and emergency response perspective. The current study will help define future maintenance and preservation measures, making these future efforts more competitive for grant funding.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in July, with two firms submitting proposals to complete this study. City staff are reviewing and scoring the proposals, and working through the TAP Grant process with WisDOT staff. The study and grant are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026.