

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

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

From: Maureen McBroom

Date: 8/28/25

Subject: City-wide Bike and Pedestrian Plan Community Advisory Group Meeting

Background

The City of Watertown was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from WisDOT to develop a city-wide bicycle and pedestrian path network. Jody Rader from HKGi, Inc. is leading this planning project, and will present community engagement results and priority topics for discussion and future inclusion in the plan. The Task Force members are encouraged to provide information about bicycle and pedestrian activities, connecting paths, destinations, and other feedback during this time.

The study is currently planned to be completed in February 2026.

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 this planning study, up to \$80,000.00. The City will pay for the remaining 20% of the project.