

## Engineering Division

**To:** Chairman Arnett and Public Works Commission Members  
**From:** Andrew Beyer, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
**Date:** 3/5/2026  
**Subject:** 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. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Planning Task Force members and partners served as the Advisory Committee for this plan and have reviewed and provided comments during the plan development.

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 connecting 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.

### 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 city-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan was funded in part with a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Future implementation of the plan will be considered as opportunities and funding allow, including but not limited to future grant opportunities, budget, program and policy improvements and other

location-specific route improvements that can be completed as standalone projects or as part of larger construction projects within the capital improvement program.

## **Recommendation**

Engineering Division staff recommend adoption of the City-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan, to be considered as opportunities and funding allow.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Planning Task Force has reviewed the draft plan and recommends adoption.