

Memorandum

TO: All Mayors, Village Presidents, and Town Chairs in the MPO Planning Area and Dane County Executive

FROM: Alexandra Andros, Transportation Planning Manager/Director
Alexandra Andros

DATE: May 5, 2023

RE: Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Increase Federal Funding for the East-West BRT Corridor Project

This is to notify you of a proposed amendment to the Greater Madison MPO's [2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County. The amendment would add \$7.6 million in federal Small Starts program funding to the City of Madison's East-West BRT Line project, increasing program funding from \$103 million to \$110.6 million. Madison's local share for the Small Starts program would increase from \$11.387 million to \$39.368 million, although \$24.115 million of that increase is due to including the BRT bus maintenance facility, which was previously listed as its own project, in the overall project listing. Total cost would increase from \$114.387 million to \$149.968 million.

In addition, the City is receiving additional Section 5307/5337/5339 federal funding for the purchase of 60' articulated buses. Total federal funding for those programs would increase \$2.798 million from what is identified in the 2023-2027 TIP. The local share contribution would increase \$698,000 from what is identified in the 2023-2027 TIP.

Lastly, the amendment would re-list \$24.115 million in local design funding for the BRT bus maintenance facility since funding for that facility will be addressed through the Small Starts program, and add \$1 million in local funding for the Restoring Community Connectivity program. The City of Madison will seek federal funding for that program through the Reconnecting Communities grant.

The City of Madison is building a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system as part of an effort to provide better access to jobs, reduce travel times, and improve transit equity throughout the region. The east-west BRT line will extend from Junction Rd. to East Towne through the downtown and campus area. Construction of dedicated bus lanes, passenger stations, and implementation of larger all-electric articulated buses will last into next year. The system is expected to go officially online in the fall of 2024.

The following is the date of the public hearing on the amendment to the 2023-2027 TIP that would increase federal funding for the East-West BRT Line project, which provides an opportunity to provide oral comments to the board.



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Public Hearing

Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

at MPO Policy Board Virtual Meeting hosted via Zoom

[Note: See agenda when posted [here](#) and on city of Madison and Dane County websites for information on how to register to speak]

Written comments or concerns regarding the amendment to the 2023-2027 TIP for the increase in federal funding to the East-West BRT Line project must be submitted in writing by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7. Please email comments to MPO staff at mpo@cityofmadison.com or mail them to the Greater Madison MPO office at 100 State Street, #400, Madison, WI 53703.

The MPO anticipates taking action on TIP amendment following the public hearing unless the board receives comments expressing concerns prior to or at the hearing in which case action could be delayed.

Cc (via email):

Jim Kuehn, WisDOT Planning
Jennifer Schiller & Scott Korth, Metro (Transit projects)
State Historical Society (email)
Dane Co. PW & Transp. Committee (email)
Dane Co. Supervisors (email)
City of Madison Transp. Commission (email)
City of Madison Transp. Policy & Planning Board (email)
Local Transp. / Public Works Committees (email)
City of Madison Neighborhood Associations (email)
Private Transp. Providers (Transit projects) (email)
MPO Policy Board (email)
MPO Technical Committee (email)

Arthur Sommerfield, WisDOT Southwest Region (email)
Robert Winterton, WisDOT Southwest Region (email)
Tom Koprowski, WisDOT Southwest Region (email)
Chris Petykowski, City of Madison Engineering (email)
Eric Heggelund, WisDNR S Central Region (email)
Dreux Watermolen, Cami Peterson, David Bizot, WisDNR (email)
Marilyn Weiss & Alice Halpin, WisDATCP (email)
Rebecca Graser & Simone Kolb, U.S. ACE (email)
Kenneth Westlake, Michael Sedlacek, Mike Leslie U.S. EPA (email)
Paul Mazzeno, US Army Corps of Engineers (email)
Bill Quackenbush, Dan Brown, Ho-Chunk Nation (email)
Steve Steinhoff, CARPC (email)

EAST-WEST BRT PROJECT LISTING FOR MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

5/3/23

Primary Jurisdiction/ Project Sponsor	Project Description	Cost Type	Jan.-Dec. 2023				Jan.-Dec. 2024				Jan.-Dec. 2025				Jan.-Dec. 2026				Jan.-Dec. 2027				Comments
			Fed	State	Local	Total	Fed	State	Local	Total	Fed	State	Local	Total	Fed	State	Local	Total	Fed	State	Local	Total	
TRANSIT CAPITAL																							
CITY OF MADISON	CITY TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECTS																						
	Inter-City Passenger Rail Station & Planning	PL				350			350													GF- GO borrowing	
	BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) PROJECT-EAST/WEST (E/W) CORRIDOR																						
	Environmental study (NEPA) and Design	PE				4,100			4,100														
	Roadway improvements, TSP, and construction of stations for EAW BRT (5309) Madison E/W BRT Project (5309 Small Starts)		409,000-110,600		44,387-39,368	444,387-149,968																FY2022 s. 5309 Small Starts grant; other federal and local match funding to Small Starts grant for related BRT projects below	
	Roadway improvements, TSP, and construction of stations for E/W BRT (5339B)	Cap				2,888		1,488	4,376													FY2020 s. 5339B grant	
X*	60' articulated electric buses (5307)	Cap	19,965-20,173		4,994-5,043	24,959-25,216	3,982		996	4,978												Carryover & Future s. 5307 UAFP grants	
	60' articulated electric buses (CARES/CRRSA 5307)	Cap	7,000			7,000																FY2020-21 s. 5307 CARES/CRRSA grants	
111-23-026	60' articulated electric buses for replacement (5337)	Cap	2,660-2,662		663-665	3,323-3,327	1,325		331	1,656												Carryover & Future s. 5337 UAFP grants	
	60' articulated electric buses (5339)	Cap	2,779-5,357		696-1,339	3,474-6,696	1,474		369	1,843												Carryover & Future s. 5339 UAFP grants	
	60' articulated buses (5339B)	Cap				1,525		785	2,310													FY2020 s. 5339B grant	
	Maintenance Equipment for 60' articulated buses (5339B)	Cap				264		136	400													FY2020 s. 5339B grant	
	BRT bus maintenance facility	PE/Cap				24,116		24,116															
	BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) PROJECT-NORTH/SOUTH (N/S) CORRIDOR																						
	North-South BRT Planning and Design	PL/PE				670																	
	North-South BRT Construction (roadway improvements, TSP, and stations)	Cap								Continuing 63,000		63,000			Continuing Continuing			Continuing				FY2021 Areas of Persistent Poverty grant Will seek s. 5309 FTA Small Starts discretionary grant for BRT costs in '24. N/S BRT construction funding appropriated in 2024, construction in 2025-26. Will seek Reconnecting Communities grant	
	Restoring Community Connectivity	PL/PE								1,000		1,000											
	Grant Preparation and Submission Support Services	Cap				100			100													GF- GO borrowing	
			440,744-151,139		65,140-60,704	496,884-211,843																	
		TOTAL								4,487		1,122	5,609										
			5307/ 5309/ 5337/ 5339			M				5307/ 5337/ 5339			M									Update following city budget action.	

¹ Project programming shown in 2027 is for informational purposes only.

(x) = Major project with capacity expansion. (*) = MPO action required. Shading denotes those projects programmed for Federal funding.

NOTE: Funds Key page 9.

City of Madison Bus Rapid Transit

Starts in 2024

