

**Draft
MAJOR AMENDMENT #1
TO THE
2013-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE
GREEN BAY URBANIZED AREA**



**Brown County Planning Commission/MPO
March 2013**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
BROWN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
ENDORISING MAJOR AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2013-2017 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE GREEN BAY URBANIZED AREA**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires the development and annual endorsement of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 23 CFR 450.334(a) the Green Bay MPO hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
3. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
4. Sections 1101(b) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (P.L. 112-141) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT-funded projects;
5. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts;
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
7. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
8. Section 324 of title 23, U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

WHEREAS, the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Green Bay Urbanized Area with responsibility for carrying out an urban transportation planning program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MPO planning process is compliant with the requirements of MAP-21 and that the TIP contains only projects that are consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan for the urbanized area.

Dated at Green Bay, Wisconsin, this 6th day of March 2013.

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Norbert Dantine, Jr., President

ATTEST:



Chuck Lamine, AICP, Planning Director

**Major Amendment #1 to the
2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program
for the Green Bay Urbanized Area
by the Brown County Planning Commission**

Project Sponsor	Project Description	September 2013 – September 2014			
		Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	<p><u>STH 54 (Mason Street)</u> Mason Street Bridge/Tilleman Bridge Feasibility Study</p> <p>The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) plans to hire a consultant to conduct a study to determine the useful life of the facility and to calculate reconstruction costs if necessary. The project termini are approximately Ashland Avenue and Monroe Avenue.</p> <p>State ID: 9210-15-00</p>				
158-13-020	0.97 miles P	\$440,000	\$110,000	0	\$550,000

* The project is fiscally constrained and, if approved, will be added to the TIP fiscal constraint demonstration document.

Appendix A

Copy of Postcard Sent to Interested Parties

All interested persons are advised of a public comment opportunity regarding the *Draft Major Amendment #1 to the 2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area*. The amendment is as follows:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has programmed the following project for 2013 and 2014:

**STH 54 (Mason Street)
Mason Street Bridge/Tillman Bridge Feasibility Study**

WisDOT plans to hire a consultant to conduct a study to determine the useful life of the facility and to calculate reconstruction costs if necessary. The project termini are approximately Ashland Avenue and Monroe Avenue.

The public comment opportunity will take place before the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors on:

**Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Green Bay Transportation Center – Commission Room
901 University Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54302
6:30 p.m.**

Comments may be mailed to Lisa J. Conard, Brown County Planning Commission, PO Box 23600, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305-3600 or at conard_lj@co.brown.wi.us. Comments will be accepted through March 6, 2013.

Appendix B

Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors (MPO Policy Board) Meeting Minutes excerpts – Item #5 and Item #6 March 6, 2013

MINUTES
BROWN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Green Bay Metro Transportation Center
901 University Avenue, Commission Room
Green Bay, WI 54302
6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Paul Blindauer	x	Michael Malcheski	Exc
James Botz	Exc	Ken Pabich	Exc
William Clancy	x	Gary Pahl	x
Norbert Dantine, Jr.	x	Scott Puyleart	x
Ron DeGrand	x	Dan Robinson	x
Bernie Erickson	x	Ray Tauscher	Exc
Steve Gander	x	Mark Tumpach	x
Adam Gauthier	x	Steve VandenAvond	x
Steve Grenier	x	Jerry Vandersteen	x
Phil Hilgenberg	x	Tim VandeWettering	x
Dotty Juengst	Exc	Dave Wiese	x
Jack Lewis	x	Reed Woodward	x

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa J. Conard, Chuck Lamine, Bob Mottl, Cole Runge, Peter Schlein, Aaron Schuette, and John Trester.

N. Dantine called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

5. **Public Hearing:** Notice of public hearing regarding Major Amendment #1 to the 2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area.

N. Dantine turned the public hearing over to L. Conard.

L. Conard opened the public hearing for Major Amendment #1 to the *2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area* and the *Green Bay Metro 2013 Program of Projects*.

L. Conard stated that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation requested an amendment to the current TIP. The project proposed to be added to the TIP requires a major amendment. A 15-day public review and comment period and a public hearing are required. L. Conard provided project detail as follows:

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L. Conard stated that one person has registered to speak at the public hearing.

John Trester, 2030 Jourdain Lane, Allouez. Mr. Trester stated that he rides his bicycle across the Mason Street Bridge every day. The bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are limited and do not function well. The sidewalk is not properly cleared of snow and ice and the storm grates are in poor condition and there is notable deterioration of the concrete. In addition, the vehicular traffic flows like it is a "60-mph" facility, even though it is posted at 35 mph.

This bridge is the only pedestrian/bicycle crossing between the Walnut Street Bridge in Green Bay and the Claude Allouez Bridge in De Pere.

Mr. Trester encouraged WisDOT to extend the project termini to Webster Avenue and Oneida Street. Mr. Trester noted that the new Claude Allouez Bridge is a good example of how to properly accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

L. Conard stated that comments received during the public participation process would be forwarded to WisDOT.

L. Conard asked three times if anyone wished to speak. Hearing no additional requests to speak, the public hearing was closed. L. Conard informed the commission that the requirements for public participation have been fulfilled.

6. Discussion and action regarding Major Amendment #1 to the 2013-2017 TIP for the Green Bay Urbanized Area.

B. Erickson asked how old the bridge is.

L. Conard stated it was built in 1973 and has been rehabilitated a number of times. The study will determine if the bridge and approaches should be rehabilitated or rebuilt.

R. Woodward asked if the facility was recommended for reconstruction, would bicycle and pedestrian accommodations be incorporated.

L. Conard stated yes. With the use of federal and/or state dollars, the project would need to be consistent with the Complete Streets law.

G. Pahl asked if the bridge would be widened.

L. Conard stated that this would be determined as part of the study.

B. Erickson stated that he does not think it is possible to accommodate bicycles and pedestrian with the number of on and off ramps that currently exist on the facility.

L. Conard stated that the current pedestrian and bicycle facilities are limited to a single sidewalk on the north side of the bridge from Jefferson Street to Broadway.

Currently, bicyclists are required to ride on the sidewalk, which is not ideal. It is preferred (based on Federal Highway Administration bicycle and pedestrian guidelines) to have a segregated bicycle lane on the road.

A. Gauthier asked about cost.

L. Conard stated that if a new facility is recommended, WisDOT planning staff has indicated that they would request funding under the High Cost Bridge Program. Preliminary estimates are in the \$50-\$80 million dollar range.

D. Robinson asked if WisDOT would be willing to look beyond the scope of Ashland and Monroe.

L. Conard stated that under a rebuild, the WisDOT process for public involvement would be extensive and considerations would be given to the surrounding area. The city, county, business groups, neighborhood associations, school district, etc. would be brought into the planning and design process.

S. Grenier stated that WisDOT's jurisdiction ends at the Monroe ramps as the STH 54 designation goes north onto Monroe Avenue.

Paul Blindauer asked about the condition of the lift span.

S. Grenier stated that the feasibility study will address this. In addition, the lift is inspected by WisDOT on a biannual basis.

L. Conard stated that in addition to the study and as a separate TIP project, WisDOT plans to upgrade the electrical system, replace the lift span gates, and add cameras to the facility in 2013.

S. Grenier stated that the replacement of light poles will occur this summer as well.

G. Pahl asked if the bridge had problems opening and closing.

S. Grenier stated no. The Nitschke Bridge (Main Street) was recently repaired to correct this problem.

L. Conard stated that the Transportation Subcommittee (Technical Advisory Committee) of the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors has reviewed the amendment and has made a recommendation for approval.

A motion was made by G. Pahl, seconded by A. Gauthier, to approve the major amendment to the 2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area. Motion carried.

Appendix C

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Affidavit from Green Bay Press-Gazette



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BC PLANNING DEPT-LEGA
Re: Notice of Request

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT MAJOR AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2013-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE GREEN BAY URBANIZED AREA
All interested parties are invited to comment and are advised of a public hearing on the Draft Major Amendment #1 to the 2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area. Copies of the amendment will be available at Brown County Planning Commission Room 320, Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, WI 54301. The public hearing will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, Green Bay Motor Transportation Center 801 University Ave., Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301. The public review period for the amendment is scheduled for February 20, 2013, through March 6, 2013. Unless otherwise advised, the completed final program of projects, within 30 days of approval, will be mailed to Lisa J. Cornish, Brown County Planning Commission, PO Box 22870, Green Bay, WI 54306-3630 by March 6, 2013. Published by Sandy Jaska County Clerk Publication Date: February 27, 2013 9:40 AM

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