

MEETING NOTICE

APPLETON (FOX CITIES) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2024

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

PLACE: DJ Bordini Center, 5 N. Systems Drive, Appleton, WI 54914

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. March 6, 2024
 - b. April 15, 2024 (Special Meeting)
 - c. May 6, 2024 (Special Meeting)
 - d. August 19, 2024 (Special Meeting)
4. Election of Vice-chair
5. Staff Report
6. Proposed Resolution FC-01-24: Amending the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program – 2024-2027
7. Proposed Resolution FC-02-24: Adopting the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program 2025-2028
8. Proposed Resolution FC-03-24: Amending the 2024 Unified Transportation Work Program and Budget and Requesting an Extension of the Funding Eligibility period to complete work from Calendar Year 2024 in Calendar Year 2025 for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization
9. Proposed Resolution FC-04-24: Adopting the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and the Annual MPO Self-Certification for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization
10. Presentation and Discussion of Connect Fox Cities 2050 Survey Results
11. Next Meeting Date: December 19, 2024 at 3:15 pm – Location TBD
12. Adjourn

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MEETING MINUTES

Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
March 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Merten at 10:00 AM.
In-person-Outagamie County Highway Department-1313 Holland Rd, Appleton WI 54911

1. Introductions

Committee Members Present

James Merten (Chair)	City of Neenah
Mike Patza	Town of Grand Chute
Mark Lahay	City of Appleton
George Dearborn.....	Village of Fox Crossing
Dean Steingraber.....	Outagamie County Hwy Dept
Mark Mommaerts.....	Village of Greenville
Michael Brown	Town of Buchanan
Dave Vickman.....	Valley Transit
Greg Ulman	Village of Kimberly
Laura Jungwirth	City of Menasha
Nick Weber	WisDOT
Joe Zellmer	Outagamie County
Brian Glaeser	Calumet County
John Neumeier	City of Kaukauna
Ellen Skerke.....	Town of Neenah

ECWRPC Staff Present

Melissa Kraemer-Badtke	Executive Director/MPO Director
Kim Biedermann	Principal Planner
Casey Peters	GIS Analyst I/Associate Planner
Mike Zuege	GIS Manager
Abby Mader	Associate Planner

2. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

3. Staff Report

Agricultural Local Roads Improvement Program: Ms. Biedermann reported the Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) was established as part of the 2023-2025 Wisconsin State Budget. Eligible projects are to improve a highway functionally classified by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as a local road or minor collector or a bridge 20 feet or less in length or culvert 20 feet or less in length on a highway functionally classified by WisDOT as a local road or minor collector. Solicitation for eligible projects opened on February 6, 2024. Mr. Weber noted there was a webinar on this and it has been recorded.

Surface Transportation Program-Local: Ms. Biedermann reported the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 solicitation for the Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-Local) is currently open, with applications due on April 5, 2024. Eligible projects are construction-only projects on roadways functionally classified as minor collector or local road. The roadway also must be located outside Census-defined urban areas.

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and Safe Streets and Roads for All: Ms. Biedermann reported the ECWRPC Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) for the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organizations was developed to satisfy the action plan requirements of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, a federal discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five years (2022-2026).

A completed Action Plan is required for local governments to be eligible to apply for Safe Streets and Roads for All Demonstration and/or Implementation Grants. SS4A Demonstration and Implementation Grants are two separate funding sources that provide federal funding for municipalities to conduct demonstration activities or further planning, implement safety strategies, and construct projects identified in the Action Plan. The CSAP identifies potential municipal and MPO projects within the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh MPOs that meet eligibility requirements of SS4A Demonstration and Implementation Grants.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity for SS4A was recently released, and it can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A> . If you plan on applying for SS4A funding, please reach out to Colin Kafka, Associate Planner at ECWRPC, at ckafka@ecwrpc.org.

Performance Measures and Targets: Ms. Biedermann reported on December 7, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration published a final rule establishing a performance measure for assisting the performance of the National Highway System related to Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions (88 FR 85364). The final planning rule became effective on January 8, 2024, which requires states to establish initial declining targets along with their initial reports by February 1, 2024. Since that time twenty-two states have challenged the rule in federal court and FHWA has agreed that it will not seek to enforce the February 1, 2024 deadline and have extended the deadline for States to submit initial targets and reports to March 29, 2024. MPOs will be required to establish targets no later than 180 days after the State DOT established their targets (23 CFR 450.105(f)). East Central staff will continue to work in coordination with WisDOT and provide any updates to the Appleton (Fox Cities) Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board.

Grant Award: Community Connectors Program – College Avenue Project: Ms. Biedermann reported since attending a convening in Atlanta in November 2023 to kick-off the project, team members have met to draft the scope of work for the project and draft a community engagement plan utilizing the ECWRPC [Equitable Engagement Toolkit and Guidebook](#) as a resource. The team's project focus is the College Avenue Corridor from Mall Drive to Richmond Street in Grand Chute and Appleton. Mr. Englebert reported there will be a lot of community engagement taking place over the summer.

Winter Walk to School Month: Ms. Mayer reported ten schools in the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO participated in Winter Walk to School Month. Schools planned Walk to School Days and participated in a series of challenges throughout the month for prizes.

Gap Analysis Study: Ms. Mayer reported staff have been working with Kimberly School District to collect data at the roundabout at Midway Road and County Highway N to determine the need for a crossing guard. They have been collecting data, which includes a gap analysis. Mr. Merten asked if the Neenah Joint School District has been working with the Safe Routes to School team on a gap analysis. Ms. Mayer responded they are doing some work with the district and will be updating their action plan next year.

Bike Safety Presentations: Ms. Mayer reported staff are currently working with schools to schedule bike safety presentations for the spring; they have received requests from 52 schools.

4. Presentation by Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration on the Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area Certification Review. Ms. May Forlenza from the Federal Highway Department gave a presentation on the findings from the Transportation Management Area Certification Review. She noted she is also representing the Federal Transit Administration at this meeting, as her counterpart at the Federal Transit Administration was not able to make it to the meeting. Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted a presentation was also made to the Policy Board in January but felt it was important for the Technical Advisory Committee to also hear this information because there are some changes that the staff will be implementing.

Ms. Forlenza reported federal regulations require MPOs over 200,000 in population, which includes the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO, undergo a quadrennial certification review. She noted that not only is this part of the MPOs process, it is also the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's process. As a result of this certification review, findings are broken into three categories: commendations, recommendations, and corrective actions. Ms. Forlenza shared that action is needed to correct

various procedures within the organization. On the corrective action of restructuring and redesignating the MPO policy board, Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted that the current policy board is comprised of elected officials from all of ECWRPC's member counties. This would be changed to have local elected leaders from within the MPO serving on the policy board, so decisions are made a more local level. She noted that ECWRPC has hired outside legal counsel to assist with the redesignation process, as it does not happen all that often. Ms. Forlenza reported the following corrective actions nest on one another, and these involve the Transportation Improvement Program, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Congestion Management Process, and the State of the System report.

Ms. Forlenza shared the certification review letter and report should be sent to Policy Board Chair Nooyen and ECWRPC staff the week of March 11th. Ms. Forlenza shared that FHWA and FTA will be meeting at least quarterly with WisDOT Central Office and ECWRPC staff.

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted next steps for the policy board. Staff are exploring policy board makeup options with legal counsel. She anticipates final options will be discussed at future meetings.

5. Discussion and Action on the Adjusted Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary for the Appleton (Fox Cites) Metropolitan Planning Organization: Mr. Peters reported following the approval of the updated Urban Area Boundary (UAB) for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary must be adjusted. While the UAB is reflective of the 10-year growth horizon for the MPO, the MPA typically extends beyond that to encompass the area of expected urbanization with a 20-year growth horizon.

ECWRPC staff have developed a recommended MPA boundary for the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO to coincide with the adjusted UAB. This process has been expedited to coincide with the planning efforts of the Congestion Management Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The updated MPA will be integral to the process of developing these planning documents.

Mr. Peters noted here is a notable change in the boundary in the Town of Neenah, where the Oshkosh MPO's UAB and MPA have advanced into the Appleton MPA. This map was presented at the February 13, 2024 TAC meeting, and no comments were received. Mr. Patza made a motion to approve the updated Metropolitan Planning Area boundary for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization as presented. A second was made by Mr. Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Updates on the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Ms. Mader shared staff have drafted a vision for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan along with pillars. These pillars will serve as guiding principles for the plan.
7. WisDOT Updates –Mr. Nick Weber shared a new Ag Roads and Improvement Program – reimbursement program with applications due April 5th.
8. Next Meeting Date – To be announced.
9. Adjourn - A motion was made by Mr. Steingraber and second by Mr. Brown to adjourn with the time noted at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Chris Colla, Associate Planner
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
April 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Merten at 10:00 AM.

1. Introductions

Committee Members Present

James Merten (Chair)	City of Neenah
George Dearborn	Village of Fox Crossing
Mark Mommaerts	Village of Greenville
Michael Brown	Town of Buchanan
Dave Vickman	Valley Transit
Mike Patza	Grand Chute
Tanner Russell	Grand Chute
Greg Koch	Grand Chute
Nick Weber	WisDOT
Joe Zellmer	Outagamie County
Kevin Englebert	Outagamie County
Brian Glaeser	Calumet County
John Neumeier	City of Kaukauna
Matt Woicek	Village of Little Chute
Dave Kress	City of Appleton
Mark Lahay	City of Appleton
Matt Heiser	Village of Harrison
Chad Pelishek	Village of Harrison

ECWRPC Staff Present

Melissa Kraemer Badtke	ECWRPC
Kim Biedermann	ECWRPC
Jennie Mayer	ECWRPC
Chris Colla	ECWRPC
Brenna Root Whitby	ECWRPC
Kate Blackburn	ECWRPC

2. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

3. Discussion and action on the 2024-2028 Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Awards for the Appleton MPO. Ms. Biedermann shared an overview of the Transportation Alternative Set-aside program. She noted that the 2024-2028 program application cycle was open from June 9, 2023 to October 27, 2023, and a total of five applications were received. After a formal review by the TA Set-aside Scoring Committee, the selected projects for funding included the Safe Routes to School (within the Appleton MPO only) at 80% federal funding, the Town of Grand Chute’s STH 96/W Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk project at 80% eligible funding, and the Village of Harrison’s Old Highway Road Trail at 60% federal funding.

ECWRPC Staff recommends that the Appleton (FC) MPO Technical Advisory Committee approve of the TA Set-aside Scoring Committee’s three top scoring projects and recommending to WisDOT the award of the projects as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and a second by Mr. Zellmer to accept staff’s recommendation to approve of the TA Set-aside project awards. Motion carried unanimously.

Member discussion took place regarding future funding cycles and whether the projects not selected would need to reapply once new funding became available. Ms. Biedermann and Ms. Kraemer Badtke confirmed.

4. ~~Discussion and Action on the 2024-2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Awards for the Appleton MPO~~– Ms. Kraemer Badtke gave a brief overview to the members stating that there have been a couple delays and that there are no projects for consideration at this point. She continued that she has been in contact with WisDOT to ensure that the funding amounts is aligned with what ECWRPC staff expect.

Member discussion took place regarding a State Municipal Agreement letter that was received and whether there would be another cycle. Mr. Weber stated that the person to contact at WisDOT regarding the letter was Alex Dums.

5. Discussion on Goals for the Congestion Management Process. Mr. Colla gave an overview of new draft goals and metrics for the update of the CMP. An update on the CMP process was also provided stating that the metrics are still being developed and will establish measurable targets. ECWRPC staff ask members to review the goals for discussion.

Member discussion took place regarding whether tracking performance metrics would add additional work on staff. Ms. Kraemer Badtke confirmed that it is a federal requirement to track and would not add additional work for the staff.

6. Update on the Appleton Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board Redesignation. Ms. Kraemer Badtke gave an update on the process so far. In March 2024, ECWRPC approved resolution of support to proceed with the redesignation process by engaging with all local impacted counties and municipalities of new MPO Policy Board structures in Appleton (FC) and Oshkosh MPOs. The impacted counties will be required to approve a Resolution of Support to approve the new structure. A formal request will be made to the Governor's office, who will then formally redesignate the Policy Board structure. The redesignation timeline was presented and included past and future actions toward redesignation.

Member discussion took place regarding which elected officials had been reached out to and who has not. Ms. Kraemer Badtke informed that she or Ms. Biedermann would be reaching out in the following week(s) if their elected leader or staff have not responded to the RSVP of the May 6 meeting. Discussion continued on the need of local support before sending to governor and what happens if there is not local support. Ms. Kraemer Badtke informed that this is being done out of corrective action. Member asked if some documentation could be sent out regarding the corrective action as justification for elected officials to support action. Question was asked by Mr. Merten on whether the executive elected officials could attend the May 6 meeting but then a lower ranking official attend subsequent meetings. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated she would need to review notes and would confirm after.

7. Discussion on the Prioritization Process Pilot Program Grant Program. Mr. Colla gave an overview of the grant program and informed that the federal timeline is not in alignment with what ECWRPC wants to use the funds for. Kraemer Badtke informed members that she has been in correspondence with FHWA regarding timeline of fund dispersal and that the ECWRPC staff are still deciding on whether to move forward this round with the application or not. She proposed an alternative route for funding would be to use PL funds now in order to meet the deadlines for the corrective actions.
8. WisDOT Updates – Mr. Nick Weber informed group that it was road construction season and updates can be located at 511wi.gov
9. Next Meeting Date – May 6, 2024; however, a special meeting may be required prior to that date
10. Adjourn - A motion was made by Mr. Englebert and second by Mr. Brown to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by
Kate Blackburn, Associate Planner
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
May 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Merten at 9:30 AM.

1. Introductions

Committee Members Present

James Merten (Chair)	City of Neenah
George Dearborn	Village of Fox Crossing
Kara Homan	Village of Greenville
Michael Brown	City of Appleton
Ron McDonald	Valley Transit
Mike Patza	Grand Chute
Dean Steingraber	Outagamie County
Joe Coenen	Town of Buchanan
Tony Penterman	City of Kaukauna
Sadie DiNatale Burda	Outagamie County
Kevin Englebert	Outagamie County
Diane Wessel	Village of Sherwood
Sam Schroeder	City of Menasha
Bob Schmeichel	Town of Neenah
Keith Curran	Village of Greenville
Chuck Koehn	Village of Kimberley
Austin Hammond	City of Menasha
Danielle Block	City of Appleton
Dale Youngquist	Village of Fox Crossing
Brian Glaeser	Calumet County
John W. Neumeier	City of Kaukauna
Dave Kittel	City of Kaukauna
Ellen Skerke	Town of Neenah
Mark Mommaerts	Village of Greenville
Jake Woodford	City of Appleton
Ethan Hollenberger	Winnebago County

ECWRPC Staff Present

Melissa Kraemer Badtke	ECWRPC
Kim Biedermann	ECWRPC
Craig Moser	ECWRPC
Mike Zuege	ECWRPC
Chris Colla	ECWRPC

2. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

3. Presentation and discussion on Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Redesignation of the Policy Board Structure and Policy Board Structure Options:

Ms. Kramer Badtke gave an overview of the MPO and associated processes before detailing the two options to structure the new policy board. Per Federal requirements, the structure must be based on population and directly represent at least 75% of the impacted population. The 2020 Census calculated the population of each member jurisdiction. Option 1 (in yellow) based the number of votes at a threshold population level of 10,000, while for option 2 (in orange) the threshold population was 5000. Each county and the major transportation modes – Valley Transit, WisDOT, and Appleton International Airport – will each have one vote as well. The full breakdown of population was provided in a chart, and Ms. Kramer Badtke gave further details.

Mike Patza (Grand Chute) chimed in for clarification on the role of the advisory seats, with confirmation that those seats do not vote, but participate in meetings and discussions.

Diane Wessel (Sherwood) asked for clarity on the map boundary in Freedom.

Bob Schmeichel (T. of Neenah) posed a question on conglomerating smaller community populations to reach a cumulative total over the threshold to receive a vote. Clarification was provided that exact details have not been explored, but legal counsel discouraged rotating seats. Further exploration on this point will be ongoing.

Mayor Woodford (Appleton) expressed support for the orange option, noting it diluted the City of Appleton's vote share but the increased representation was good for all.

Mike Patza (Grand Chute) noted the crossover effect of votes for municipalities and counties.

Kevin Englebert (Outagamie County) additionally noted that many districts span multiple municipalities, and thus the preference would be for appointments to be non-binding geographically. Ethan Hollenberger (Winnebago County) concurred, stating specific geographic descriptions would make appointments difficult.

Michael Brown (T. Buchanan) addressed that fact that programs are geared toward more urban communities, but smaller communities are still eligible for funding as long as they meet the criteria. Chuck Koehn (V. of Kimberly) chimed in that smaller communities can lean on the counties for more direct representation, and that ideally, we work as a region and move away from parochialism.

George Dearborn (V. of Fox Crossing) asked about national research on the structure of other MPO's. Clarification was given that both options present a very typical structure. There is a range of various structures; per legal counsel, this format is normal but a bit larger than average due to the abundance of municipalities.

An overview was given by Ms. Kramer-Badtke on the similar processes for the Oshkosh MPO and the possibility of combining the two MPO's in the future.

Representatives from the City of Menasha communicated no preference for either option, expressing support for the process and whichever option was chosen by the other communities.

Mayor Peterman of Kaukauna expressed preference for the orange column (Option 2).

Prompted by Ms. Kramer-Badtke, the group came to a general consensus on Option 2 with no vocal disagreement.

Mike Patza (Grand Chute) asked for clarification if the chief elected official has to be the representative; clarification was given that is correct, but the official may appoint another elected official as a substitute.

The frequency of future meetings was discussed, with meetings to occur every other month moving forward for about the first 6 months. As the redesignation progresses and officials become acquainted with the process, the frequency of meetings will likely slow.

Sam Schroeder (C. of Menasha) asked about the needed resolutions of support. Clarification was given that at least 75% of the population will need to be supportive.

General consensus was considered to be reached in support of Option 2.

4. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting has tentatively been set for June 3rd.
5. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Brown and seconded by John Neumeier.

Minutes submitted by
Chris Colla, Associate Planner
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
August 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Mike Patza at 10:05 AM.

1. Introductions

Committee Members Present

James Merten (Chair) City of Neenah
 George Dearborn Village of Fox Crossing
 Mark Mommaerts Village of Greenville
 Dave Vickman Valley Transit
 Mike Patza Grand Chute
 Nick Weber WisDOT
 Kevin Englebert Outagamie County
 Danielle Block Village of Kimberley
 Dean Steingraber Outagamie County Highway Department
 Keith Curran Village of Greenville
 Dave Kress City of Appleton
 John Neumeier City of Kaukauna
 Sharon WisDOT

ECWRPC Staff Present

Kim Biedermann ECWRPC
 Chris Colla ECWRPC

2. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

3. Update on the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board Redesignation. Ms. Biedermann reprised the previous changes to the Policy Board, shared local resolutions of support that have been approved by local municipalities and sent to WisDOT, and reminded the TAC members of the mandatory orientation on September 5th. Flyers were distributed for TAC members to share with local elected officials.

A question was fielded about TAC member attendance, and Ms. Biedermann encouraged TAC members to attend the orientation and glean information from the FHWA presentation.

Dave Kress shared updates on the four elected officials representing the City of Appleton.

4. Presentation and Discussion on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Eligibility and Prioritization Criteria. Mr. Colla presented the Metropolitan Transportation Plan draft project prioritization criteria, outlining the four plans and methods used to identify the deficiency network. Ms. Biedermann clarified the data-driven approach used and the role of the TAC. Mr. Colla continued, outlining the new planning process, the role of the TIP, and the cohesiveness between plans allowing ECWRPC to track projects and performance measures over time. Projects that do not meet the MTP’s eligibility criteria or are not in a location on the deficiency network will not be eligible. An ArcGIS webmap illustrated a potential project, screening the project through the data-driven criteria to show the TAC member show the process will work.

Mr. Dearborn shared concerns that communities may game the system through high-density development, and Ms. Biedermann then clarified the data-driven process. Ms. Block initiated discussion on weighting the criteria; discussion occurred but no definitive conclusion was reached. There was discussion on the geography of project bounds and the impact on score for longer or shorter project. Mr. Colla gave an example to how the equity category would work to score projects. Mr. Steingraber shared the perspective of the highway departments, and the shift of perspective to

how they address potential projects in their 5-year plans. Ms. Biedermann reviewed the role MTP illustrative table, and how applications for funding programs fit into the different layers of the planning process. Mr. Dearborn provided additional thoughts on the processes of funding for local municipalities.

5. Next Meeting Date – TAC members were reminded of the Orientation session on September 5th, the next official meeting date has not been determined.
6. Adjourn - A motion was made by Mr. Englebert and second by Mr. Kress to adjourn.

Submitted by
Chris Colla, Associate Planner
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

TO: Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Transportation Staff
DATE: October 17, 2024
RE: Staff Updates

Administration

1. **Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Policy Board and Oshkosh MPO Policy Board Redesignation:** East Central staff worked with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation staff to finalize the redesignation agreement along with the cooperative agreements. East Central staff is continuing to work with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation staff on the cooperative agreement and will have a draft copy for the Policy Board to consider at the meeting in December.

Roadways

1. **Metropolitan Transportation Plans:** Staff continue to work with residents, stakeholders, local communities, Federal Highway Administration, and WisDOT on the Metropolitan Transportation Plans for the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO. A presentation on recent community engagement events will be provided during this meeting.

Active Transportation

1. **Community Connectors Program – College Avenue Project:** ECWRPC, Outagamie County Development & Land Services Department, and coalition partners continue to move forward with community engagement around this project. A logo and project branding were recently finalized as “A NEW Avenue: One Route, Endless Possibilities” and a website has been created. <https://www.anewavenue.com/>. A team of three coalition partners will attend a Community Connectors convening in Washington, D.C. October 16-18, 2024.
2. **Trail Summit 2.0:** ECWRPC staff are working with community partners on planning Trail Summit 2.0. It is anticipated this event will be held in February 2025.

Safe Routes to School

1. **Built Environment and Active Transportation to and from Schools Study:** Staff is working with Traffic Analysis and Design Inc. to study how the built environment is affecting transportation choices to and from school. Oakwood Elementary School, Read Elementary School, Bonduel Elementary School, and Neenah High School are participating in the study. We completed the first round of community engagement in early September. Additionally, three virtual focus group meetings were held. Key stakeholders were invited to attend and respond to questions. We are currently in round two of community engagement. A survey has been sent to the school communities and general community. TADI is also conducting an engineering study and we will host a third round of engagement after the engineering study is completed.
2. **Educational Campaign:** There are over 40 schools within the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO participating in the “Safe Routes Together” educational campaign this school year. Schools received a banner and yard signs to put out around their school. They also receive monthly newsletters and social media posts with safety tips and reminders to share with the school community.
3. **Walk to School Day:** Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 9th. We have 32 schools in the Appleton Fox Cities MPO signed up to participate in the event.

TO: Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: ECWRPC Transportation Staff
DATE: October 17, 2024
RE: Proposed Resolution FC 01-24: Amending the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Appleton/Fox Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization

Since the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Appleton/Fox Cities Urbanized Area was adopted on October 27, 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has requested addition of several new projects and modifications for existing projects in the 2024-2027 program cycle. Additionally, Valley Transit was awarded a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant for the development their Whitman Facility renovation. These new and updated projects must be amended into the TIP to assign TIP numbers and maintain fiscal constrain in the Appleton/Fox Cities MPO.

TIP # 252-22-057: IH 41 Expansion, from Meade St. to Ballard Rd. Increased funding.
TIP # 252-22-057: IH 41 Expansion, from Ballard Rd. to French Rd. Decreased funding.
TIP # 252-23-015: STH 441, at Interchange B440326, 327, and 328. Increased funding.
TIP # 252-23-016: STH 441, at Interchange B440127, B4400128. Removed funding (inactive).
TIP # 252-23-044: IH 41, from STH 96 to CTH F. Increased funding.
TIP # 252-24-047: Lift Bridge Feasibility Study. Project Removed.
TIP # 252-24-048: STH 114, Fox River Bridge B70-0097. New Project
TIP # 252-24-049: USH 10, from Cold Spring Rd. to Midway Rd. New Project.
TIP # 252-24-050: STH 76, from IH41 to CTH JJ. New Project.
TIP # 252-24-051: STH 96, from WCL to STH 76. New Project.
TIP # 252-24-052: Whitman Facility Renovation – Phase 2. Awarded funding.
TIP # 252-24-053: Transit Center Joint Development. Awarded funding.

Please see the attached Transportation Improvement Program in the attached table: Appleton/Fox Cities Urbanized Area – Project Listing (2024-2027) later in this memo for project details.

These projects were posted for public review for 15-days starting September 29th, 2024. To date, no public comment has been received.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution FC-01-24: Amending the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Urbanized Area.

**Table 3: Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area, 2024-2027
Summary of Federal Funds Programmed and Available
(\$000)**

** Funds are listed in Year of Expenditure \$.

Agency/Program	Programmed Expenditures				Estimated Available Funding			
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2024	2025	2026	2027
Federal Highway Administration								
National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	\$ 138,608	\$ 148,801	\$ 327,367	\$ 17,693	\$ 138,608	\$ 148,801	\$ 327,367	\$ 17,693
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$ 14,668	\$ 34,447	\$ -	\$ 5,223	\$ 14,668	\$ 34,447	\$ -	\$ 5,223
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Flexibility (FLX)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$ 232	\$ 2,321	\$ -	\$ 939	\$ 232	\$ 2,321	\$ -	\$ 939
Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ -
Transportation Alternatives (TAP/TA Set Aside)	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,616	\$ 687	\$ 789	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,616	\$ 687	\$ 789
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	\$ 458	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 458	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Bridge	\$ 501	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,135	\$ 501	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,135
Local Bridge (STP - Local Bridge)	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ 513	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ 513
Local Bridge (STBG - Local Bridge)	\$ 962	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 962	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI)	\$ 279	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 34	\$ 279	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 34
Programmed Expenditures	\$ 156,992	\$ 187,259	\$ 328,320	\$ 28,326	\$ 156,992	\$ 187,259	\$ 328,320	\$ 28,326
* Annual Inflation Factor 2.48%	\$ 3,893	\$ 4,644	\$ 8,142	\$ 702	\$ 3,893	\$ 4,644	\$ 8,142	\$ 702
Estimated Need with Inflation Factor	\$ 160,885	\$ 191,903	\$ 336,463	\$ 29,028	\$ 160,885	\$ 191,903	\$ 336,463	\$ 29,028
Federal Transit Administration								
Section 5307 Operating	\$ 2,121	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,229	\$ 2,296	\$ 2,121	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,229	\$ 2,296
Section 5307 Capital	\$ 12,868	\$ 440	\$ 2,040	\$ 16,400	\$ 12,868	\$ 440	\$ 2,040	\$ 16,400
RAISE Capital**	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Programmed Expenditures	\$ 39,989	\$ 2,604	\$ 4,269	\$ 18,696	\$ 39,989	\$ 2,604	\$ 4,269	\$ 18,696
* Annual Inflation Factor 2.48%	\$ 992	\$ 65	\$ 106	\$ 464	\$ 992	\$ 65	\$ 106	\$ 464
Estimated Need with Inflation Factor	\$ 40,981	\$ 2,668	\$ 4,375	\$ 19,159	\$ 40,981	\$ 2,668	\$ 4,375	\$ 19,159
Section 5339	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Section 5311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Section 5310	\$ 592	\$ 101	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 592	\$ 101	\$ -	\$ -

*BIL requires that the financial elements of the TIP include inflation factors that estimate the costs of projects in their construction years. This is a summary of TIP projects with the inflation factor applied.

**FY24 RAISE Grant funds support 100% of project costs.

**Table 5: Transit Projects
Fox Cities Transportation Management Area**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT	Jan-Dec 2024 (000)	Jan-Dec 2025 (000)	Jan-Dec 2026 (000)	Jan-Dec 2027 (000)	Jan-Dec 2028 (000)
Operating Assistance/Section 5307						
Operating - Fixed Route	VT					
Expenses		\$7,371	\$7,592	\$7,820	\$8,054	\$8,296
Revenues		\$859	\$868	\$876	\$885	\$894
Deficit		\$6,512	\$6,725	\$6,944	\$7,169	\$7,402
Federal Share	252-24-003	\$2,101	\$2,164	\$2,229	\$2,296	\$2,364
State Share		\$2,101	\$2,164	\$2,229	\$2,296	\$2,364
Other Local		\$73	\$73	\$73	\$73	\$73
Municipal Local Share		\$2,238	\$2,324	\$2,413	\$2,505	\$2,600
Preventative Maintenance - Fixed Route						
Expenses	VT	\$1,233	\$1,270	\$1,308	\$1,347	\$1,388
Federal Share (80%)	252-24-004	\$986	\$1,016	\$1,046	\$1,078	\$1,110
Municipal Local Share		\$247	\$254	\$262	\$269	\$278
Purchased Transp. - Paratransit						
Expenses	VT	\$3,909	\$4,026	\$4,147	\$4,271	\$4,400
Revenues		\$655	\$675	\$695	\$716	\$737
Deficit		\$3,254	\$3,351	\$3,452	\$3,555	\$3,662
Federal Share (Capital Cost of Contract)	252-24-005	\$208	\$214	\$221	\$228	\$234
Federal Share (Operating)	252-24-006	\$833	\$858	\$884	\$910	\$938
State Share		\$1,058	\$1,090	\$1,122	\$1,156	\$1,191
Contract Local		\$1,155	\$2,047	\$2,109	\$2,172	\$2,237
Enhance Mobility of Seniors/Section 5310						
Expenses	VT	\$728	\$750	\$772	\$795	\$819
Revenues		\$98	\$101	\$104	\$107	\$110
Deficit		\$630	\$649	\$669	\$689	\$709
Federal Share		\$277	\$285	\$294	\$303	\$312
State Share		\$162	\$167	\$172	\$177	\$182
Contract Local		\$191	\$197	\$203	\$209	\$215
Capital Projects						
	VT	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
		(000)	(000)	(000)	Illustrative	
					(000)	(000)
Section 5339						
Whitman Facility Renovation - Phase 2						
Federal Share	252-24-052	\$12,000				
State Share		\$0				
Local Share		\$3,000				
Whitman Facility - Furniture & Fixtures	252-24-007	\$250				
Whitman Facility - AV Equipment	252-24-008	\$100				
Demand Response Disptach Software & Hardware*	252-24-009	\$150				
Fare Collection System	252-24-011	\$160				
Land (Transit Center)	252-24-012	\$175				
Neenah Transit Center	252-24-013	\$100				
Support Vehicle Replacement						
Demand Response Vehicle Fleet (5/yr)			\$50	\$50		
			\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Electric Trolley Acquisition						
Appleton Transit Center Joint Development				\$2,000	\$20,000	
Section 5310						
Demand Response Disptach Software & Hardware*	252-24-014	\$150				
USDOT RAISE/FTA**						
Transit Center Joint Development						
Federal Share	252-24-053	\$25,000				
State Share		\$0				
Local Share		\$1,800				
Total Cost:		\$42,885	\$550	\$2,550	\$20,500	\$500
Federal Share:		\$37,868	\$440	\$2,040	\$16,400	\$400
Local Share:		\$5,017	\$110	\$510	\$4,100	\$100

*If CARES or ARP Act funding is required, these federal sources cover 100% of costs. Total facility cost is estimated at \$18 M. Funding mixture allocated to the facility is contingent upon a pending competitive grant.

**FY24 RAISE Grant funds support 100% of project costs.

**PROPOSED
RESOLUTION NO. FC-01-24**

**AMENDING THE 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE
APPLETON/FOX CITIES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Area, approved the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO at the October 27, 2023 quarterly Commission meeting, and;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program was prepared to meet the requirements of Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST), and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) as prescribed by federal regulations, and;

WHEREAS, all projects that use federal funds must appear in an adopted Transportation Improvement Program, and;

WHEREAS, WisDOT and the MPO advance the following projects to be amended to the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Appleton/Fox Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization in the Appleton (Fox Cities) Urbanized Area:

- TIP # 252-22-057:** IH 41 Expansion, from Meade St. to Ballard Rd. Increased funding.
- TIP # 252-22-057:** IH 41 Expansion, from Ballard Rd. to French Rd. Decreased funding.
- TIP # 252-23-015:** STH 441, at Interchange B440326, 327, and 328. Increased funding.
- TIP # 252-23-016:** STH 441, at Interchange B440127, B4400128. Removed funding (inactive).
- TIP # 252-23-044:** IH 41, from STH 96 to CTH F. Increased funding.
- TIP # 252-24-047:** Lift Bridge Feasibility Study. Project Removed.
- TIP # 252-24-048:** STH 114, Fox River Bridge B70-0097. New Project
- TIP # 252-24-049:** USH 10, from Cold Spring Rd. to Midway Rd. New Project.
- TIP # 252-24-050:** STH 76, from IH41 to CTH JJ. New Project.
- TIP # 252-24-051:** STH 96, from WCL to STH 76. New Project.
- TIP # 252-24-052:** Whitman Facility Renovation – Phase 2. Awarded funding.
- TIP # 252-24-053:** Transit Center Joint Development. Awarded funding.

WHEREAS, the attached tables will become part of this resolution, and;

WHEREAS, the MPO staff will prepare the appropriate documentation to meet federal and state requirements for any transportation projects appearing in the TIP;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE APPLETON (FOX CITIES) MPO POLICY BOARD

Section 1: That the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Policy Board approves the amendment as presented to include proposed projects in the approved 2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Effective Date: October 17, 2024
Submitted To: Appleton (Fox Cities) Technical Advisory Committee
Prepared By: Chris Colla, Associate Planner

James Merten, Chair

Melissa Kraemer-Badtke–Executive Director
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

Approval Date

TO: Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Policy Board
FROM: Chris Colla, Associate Planner
DATE: October 17, 2024
RE: Proposed Resolution FC-02-24: Adopting the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program 2025-2028

The Transportation Improvement Program is prepared annually to satisfy Federal requirements, listing all projects utilizing federal funding assistance in their design and implementation. East Central has coordinated with Valley Transit, WisDOT Central Office, and WisDOT Northeast Region to compile the necessary funding information and listing of projects. Projects in the TIP are within the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO planning area boundary. The TIP window shows a 4-year time horizon (2025-2028), existing projects outside that window are tracked but not included. The document can be viewed online at <https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Draft-2025-Fox-Cities-TIP.pdf> .

The TIP was open for public comment for 30 days until October 1st, 2024. No public comment was received.

Questions or comments can be directed to Chris Colla at ccolla@ecwrpc.org.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution FC-02-24: Adopting the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program 2025-2028.

**PROPOSED
RESOLUTION FC-02-24**

**ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE APPLETON (FOX CITIES)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION 2025-2028**

WHEREAS, the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has been designated by the Governor as the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the purpose of meeting federal requirements for cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing urban transportation planning in the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Area, and;

WHEREAS, all transportation projects in the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Area which are to be implemented with federal funds must be included in the annual elements of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approved by the MPO as a prerequisite for funding approval, and;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program identifies transit, pedestrian/bicycle, and highway improvement projects and programs consistent with current transportation plans, and;

WHEREAS, a completed and approved TIP is also a prerequisite for continued transportation planning certification, and;

WHEREAS, the Appleton (Fox Cities) Policy Board affirms the validity of the transportation plan for the Metropolitan Planning Area, and;

WHEREAS, MPO staff has worked with principal elected officials of general purpose local governments, their designated staffs, and private providers to solicit their input into this TIP, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), coordination has occurred between the MPO, the state and transit operators in programming multimodal projects, and;

WHEREAS, all required public participation procedures have been followed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE APPLETON (FOX CITIES) METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION

Section 1: That the Commission, as the designated MPO, adopts the Transportation Improvement Program for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization – 2025-2028;

Section 2: In accordance with 23 CFR 450.336, the Commission as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Area certifies that the metropolitan planning process is addressing major transportation issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in conformance with all applicable requirements;

Section 3: That the Appleton (Fox Cities) Policy Board further certifies that the TIP contains projects that are consistent with the metropolitan plans for the urban area;

Section 4: That the Appleton (Fox Cities) Policy Board certifies that the TIP contains only projects that are consistent with the transportation plans for the urban area and recommends that this document be submitted to the appropriate federal and state agencies for approval.

Effective Date: October 17, 2024

Submitted To: Appleton (Fox Cities) Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared By: Chris Colla, Associate Transportation Planner

Chair

Attest: Melissa Kraemer Badtke - Executive Director/MPO
Director

Approval Date

TO: Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Melissa Kraemer Badtke, Executive Director/MPO Director
DATE: October 17, 2024
RE: **Proposed Resolution FC-03-24:** Amending the 2024 Unified Transportation Work Program and Budget and Requesting an Extension of the Funding Eligibility period to complete work from Calendar Year 2024 in Calendar Year 2025 for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Commission staff assessed the transportation program deliverables as outlined for the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and budget and are requesting an extension of funding availability for those projects to the 2024 Work Program and Budget. Outlined below are the list of work program activities and projects along with the budget for each of them. Program deliverables and funding will need to be completed and utilized by November 30, 2025.

1312A – Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh MPOs Long Range Transportation Plan - \$47,400.00

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan - \$47,400.00**
 - ECWRPC staff have been working with local communities, stakeholders, WisDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTP) for the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh MPOs. The program deliverables and funding will need to be completed and utilized by May 30, 2025.

1321A – Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh MPOs Short Range Plans - \$88,007.00

- **Intermodal Freight Facility Study - \$74,007.00**
 - East Central staff have been working with a consultant (CPCS) in partnership with the Green Bay MPO on phase two of the freight intermodal study. Funding will be used to continue this project in 2025, including participation in coalition meetings, the development of working papers, the development of a draft study document, and the development of a final document. The program deliverables and funding will need to be completed and utilized by November 30, 2025.
- **Congestion Management Plan - \$14,000.00**
 - ECWRPC staff have been working with local communities, stakeholders, WisDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration to update the Congestion Management Process for the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO. The program deliverables and funding will need to be completed and utilized by May 30, 2025.

The amount of these funds total \$135,407.70. with 80% federal funding, 4.9% state funding, and 15.1% local match. Due to unforeseen circumstances, including the significant investment of staff time in the redesignation process, not all of the transportation work program activities as outlined in the 2024 Transportation Work Program and Budget will be completed as originally scheduled. Additional details regarding the work program activities, deliverables and timeline for completion are outlined in the work program document that is included with your meeting materials. Program deliverables and the funding will need to be completed and an invoiced to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation by November 30, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution FC-03-24: Amending the 2024 Unified Transportation Work Program and Budget and Requesting an Extension of the Funding

Eligibility period to complete work from Calendar Year 2024 in Calendar Year 2025 for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FC-03-24

AMENDING THE 2024 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET AND REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF FUNDING ELIGIBILITY PERIOD TO COMPLETE WORK FROM CALENDAR YEAR 2024 IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the By-laws of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission requires the adoption of an annual budget, and;

WHEREAS, the final 2024 Transportation Budget and Work Program was adopted by the Commission Board on October 27, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the 2024 Transportation Budget and Work Program was amended by the Commission Board by Resolution 21-24 on March 28, 2024 and by Resolution 39-24 on July 24, 2024, and;

WHEREAS, based on circumstances not expected, including significant staff activities pertaining to redesignation of the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh MPO policy boards, not all of the activities in the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program will be completed as originally scheduled, and;

WHEREAS, work program activities and deliverables identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Short-Range Street and Highway Planning— Intermodal Freight Facility Plan/Congestion Management Process (CMP) will not be completed within the 2024 calendar year, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission staff continues to work on the development of Metropolitan Transportation Plans of the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and;

WHEREAS, the total funding budgeted in 1312A to completed program deliverables related to the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plans for the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organizations, is \$47,400.00; Federal - \$37,920.00; State - \$2,367.72; and Local - \$7,112.28 and;

WHEREAS, the capacity of the agency now exists to complete the unfinished 2024 work program activities and expend these dollars by May 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Commission staff continues to develop the Congestion Management Process for the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO, and;

WHEREAS, the total funding budgeted in 1321A to completed program deliverables related to the development of the Congestion Management Process for the Appleton (Fox Cities) is \$14,000; Federal - \$11,200.00; State - \$699.33; and Local - \$2,100.67, and;

WHEREAS, the capacity of the agency now exists to complete the unfinished 2024 work program activities related to the Congestion Management Process and expend these dollars by May 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Commission is working in partnership with the Green Bay MPO and has hired a consultant to develop the Intermodal Freight Facility Phase II Study, and;

WHEREAS, the total funding budgeted to 1321A for the Intermodal Freight Facility Study, is \$74,007.00; Federal - \$59,205.60; State - \$3,696.80; and Local - \$11,104.60, and;

WHEREAS, the capacity of the agency now exists to complete the Intermodal Freight Facility Study – Phase 2 activities and expend these dollars by November 30, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, the total funding amount estimated to be approximately \$135,407.00 that includes \$108,325.60 federal, \$6,763.85 state, and \$20,317.55 local share would be utilized to complete the work if approved by FHWA and WisDOT in 2025, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE APPLETON (FOX CITIES) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Section 1: That the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Policy Board amends the 2024 Transportation Work Program and Budget to reflect the funding adjustment and the schedule for work based on an extended funding eligibility period to November 30, 2025.

Effective Date: October 17, 2024
Submitted To: Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Technical Advisory Committee
Prepared By: Melissa Kraemer Badtke, Executive Director/MPO Director

James Merten, Chair
Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO TAC

Attest: Melissa Kraemer Badtke - Exe Director/MPO Director
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Approval Date

TO: Appleton MPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Kim Biedermann, Principal Planner
DATE: October 17, 2024
RE: Proposed Resolution FC-04-24: Adopting the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and the Annual MPO Self-Certification for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed annually and outlines the planning priorities and projects that will be completed by the MPO staff in the upcoming year. In addition, MPO staff must ensure that the plan is consistent with federal and state regulations and that there is coordination with local communities, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration (23 CFR 450.308(b)).

The draft 2025 Unified Planning Work Program has been developed and East Central staff has met with WisDOT, FHWA, and FTA to discuss the planning priorities and projects for 2025.

A copy of the draft 2025 Unified Planning Work Program can be viewed at the following website: <https://www.ecwrpc.org/programs/transportation/work-program-and-budget/>. The Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO's work program and budget can be found on page 30 of the pdf.

Any questions or comments can be emailed to Kim Biedermann at kbiedermann@ecwrpc.org.

The following projects have been identified as priorities within the work program; it should be noted that this is not comprehensive list of projects.

Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Development

Building off of work completed in 2024, ECWRPC will continue the update process for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Appleton MPO with an anticipated adoption date of October 2025.

Congestion Management Process

Building off of work completed in 2024, ECWRPC will continue the update process for the Congestion Management Process with an anticipated adoption date of April 2025.

Title IV Plan Update

ECWRPC will start the process to update its Title VI Plan, which includes the Appleton MPO. The update is anticipated to be completed by October 2026.

Multi-Modal and Active Transportation

ECWRPC staff will continue to support communities on their Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TA Set-aside) projects. Additionally, a new cycle for TA Set-aside is anticipated to open in mid-2025, and staff will meet with communities to discuss projects, review applications, and score applications.

E-TIP Software

Implementation of e-TIP software for tracking projects within the TIP.

Safe and Accessible Transportation Options

Staff will work with community partners to host the Trail Summit 2.0. Additionally, staff will continue to conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts, and conduct ongoing inventory of routes and usage, destinations, and safety data.

GIS Data Analysis and Visualization

ECWRPC will continue work with communities in the Appleton MPO, WisDOT, FHWA, and local stakeholders to update the functional classification of roadways. The GIS team will also continue to monitor data on performance measures and targets related to the State of the System Report, and make necessary updates to the Transportation Hub.

Performance Measures and Targets

ECWRPC will continue to work with communities in the MPO and WisDOT on initiatives and projects that continue to move towards the targets set for the performance measures. This includes updating GIS datasets, and updating the Transportation Improvement Program with new performance measures and targets.

Staff received the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program kickoff memo from WisDOT dated August 20, 2024 (attached), which included preliminary MPO allocations of Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding from Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The memo also indicated that the allocations for increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (SATO) are once again eligible for 100% reimbursement if used for Complete Streets/SATO eligible planning activities and specifically detailed as such within the MPO's 2025 UPWP.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approving Proposed Resolution FC-04-24: Adopting the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and the Annual MPO Self-Certification for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization.



August 20, 2024

To: MPO Directors and Transportation Planners

This memo contains planning activities for consideration in developing and obtaining approval of your 2025 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). It also provides a table detailing the metropolitan Planning (PL) fund estimates for calendar year 2025.

2025 UPWP Considerations:

When developing your 2025 Work Program, reference [WisDOT's UPWP Handbook](#).

In addition, consider the following planning activities and priorities when developing your 2025 UPWP:

- Work with WisDOT on development of statewide transportation plans including;
- Work with WisDOT on development and approval of Urban Area Boundary adjustments and Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries;
- Include assistance on WisDOT grant applications, if needed;
- Include a webpage link to the current Cooperative Agreement for Continuing Transportation Planning, with signatures and approval date;
- Include the FHWA and FTA logos on the document, along with a credit/disclaimer statement noting that the document was prepared with Federal funds but does not necessarily reflect the official views or policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation;
- Include specific activities that meet the Complete Street/Safe and Accessible Transportation Options requirements;¹
- Include any Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) MPO work program activities (i.e., web-based public participation, connecting housing and employment, adding affordable housing organizations to a list of stakeholders, travel demand forecasting/modeling studies, and data gathering);¹
- Include and/or identify 2021 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEA) activities – [2021 Planning Emphasis Areas \(dot.gov\)](#);
- Support WisDOT's freight planning efforts;
- Performance measure updates needed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or TIP Amendments;
- Include any anticipated planning activities involving potential direct recipient funding;
- If there are plans to apply for and use any FTA 5304 funds Statewide Planning and Research program (SPR) for transit planning projects in 2025, (which are separate from PL funds) these projects must also be programmed in the MPO's 2025 UPWP (do not include in the PL budget table);
- Any planning activities using federal Discretionary funding (i.e., SS4A) within the MPA needs to be included in the MPO's 2025 UPWP (do not include in the PL budget table).

Complete and submit the UPWP Checklist provided in [WisDOT's UPWP Handbook](#). Provide page numbers in the check box where UPWP items are located, if the item is applicable to your UPWP.

¹[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Fact Sheets | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

2025 UPWP PL Funding and Non-Federal Match:

The attached table shows the preliminary MPO allocations assuming maximum Complete Streets/Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (SATO) 100% reimbursement of the 2024 PL FHWA 2.5% Set Aside (\$156,875) and the full 2024 PL FTA transferred funding (\$1,859,946)².

There are Non-SATO allocations for each MPO that require 20% non-federal (state and local) match. The FHWA 2.5% SATO and FTA SATO allocations are eligible for 100% reimbursement if used for Complete Streets/SATO eligible planning activities and specifically detailed as such within the MPO's 2025 UPWP.

Complete Streets/SATO Eligible Activities:

[FTA Dear Colleague Letter Non-Federal Share Waiver for Complete Streets Planning.pdf](#)

[FHWA SPR-PL Waiver Memo.pdf](#)

The FTA Complete Street/SATO 100% reimbursements are only available if SATO activities and corresponding funding amounts are specifically detailed and included in the MPO's 2025 UPWP. Any remaining FTA funding not used for SATO activities will require a 20% non-federal (state and local) match.

Complete Streets/SATO Calculator:

An individual MPO calculator workbook will be forwarded to each MPO to declare the total funding the MPO will use on eligible Complete Streets/SATO planning activities qualifying for 100% reimbursement. Once the UPWP is approved, funding will need to remain fixed at the approved SATO 100% and Non-SATO 80/20 allocation amounts. Please return these workbooks to the Planning Section by Monday, September 9, 2024.

Funding Disclaimer:

Disclaimer: the allocation totals listed below are preliminary estimates. Final 2025 Planning (PL) funding amounts are subject to FHWA/FTA final approval of MPO UPWPs.

Partial Allocation:

Please notify WisDOT BPED if you will not be accepting your total allocation amount by Monday, September 9, 2024, so those funds can be reallocated to the TMAs toward reimbursement of the supplemental fund contributions.

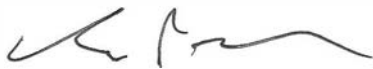
² PL Funding formula distributes base funds on population and uses a transfer from the TMAs to the non-TMA MPOs to offset the difference between the funding distributed on population and the non-TMA MPOs target funding level. Non-TMA target fund level was adjusted to \$180,000 Federal funds for a total Federal, State and Local target fund level of \$225,000, based on concurrence from the TMA supplemental fund contributors. For bi-state MPOs, target fund levels are prorated on the percentage of population within Wisconsin.

MPO Work Program Development & Approval Timeline:

ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
WisDOT sends UPWP Kickoff letters to the MPOs	July / August	WisDOT
Draft UPWPs are due to FHWA, FTA and WisDOT	September 1 st – 15 th	MPO
Fall Work Program Review Meetings	Completed by October 31 st	WisDOT, FHWA, FTA
Final Approved UPWP due to FHWA, FTA and WisDOT	November 15 th – 30 th	MPO
Distribution of final UPWPs	November 15 th - 30 th	MPO
WisDOT sends endorsement letter to FHWA	Mid –December	WisDOT Planning
Project IDs established, and funds entered in FMIS	Mid –December	WisDOT Planning & BFM
FHWA/FTA approves UPWPs and sends authorization letter to WisDOT	December 23 rd	FHWA/FTA
WisDOT sends individual funding letters to MPOs	December 30 th	WisDOT Planning

Thank you. Your cooperation with these important planning efforts is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Charles Wade, Director
Bureau of Planning and Economic Development

cc: Mary Forlenza, FHWA
Karl Buck, FHWA
Jason Nordberg, FHWA
Evan Gross, FTA
William Wheeler, FTA
MPO Directors and Transportation Planners
WisDOT Region Planning Chiefs

2025 MPO Kickoff Funding Allocation Table (assumes maximum SATO 100% reimbursement)

(using federal 2024 PL funding and 2020 census populations)

Percentages adjusted for four decimals

MPO	Total	Federal	State	Local	Federal	State	Local	Total
Appleton								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 556,731.11	\$ 445,384.89	\$ 27,289.06	\$ 84,057.16	80.00000%	4.90166%	15.09834%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 135,428.34	\$ 135,428.34	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 11,517.28	\$ 11,517.28	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Beloit								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 118,968.69	\$ 95,174.95	\$ 5,224.78	\$ 18,568.95	80.00000%	4.39173%	15.60827%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 28,863.99	\$ 28,863.99	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 2,205.11	\$ 2,205.11	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Dubuque								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%
Eau Claire								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 257,325.58	\$ 205,860.46	\$ 12,472.26	\$ 38,992.86	80.00000%	4.84688%	15.15312%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 62,578.43	\$ 62,578.43	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 5,263.89	\$ 5,263.89	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Fond du Lac								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 170,535.67	\$ 136,428.54	\$ 6,480.93	\$ 27,626.21	80.00000%	3.80034%	16.19966%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 41,248.92	\$ 41,248.92	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 2,735.26	\$ 2,735.26	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Green Bay								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 540,325.07	\$ 432,260.06	\$ 26,484.89	\$ 81,580.12	80.00000%	4.90166%	15.09834%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 131,437.47	\$ 131,437.47	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 11,177.88	\$ 11,177.88	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Janesville								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 176,474.56	\$ 141,179.65	\$ 8,553.52	\$ 26,741.39	80.00000%	4.84689%	15.15311%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 42,916.45	\$ 42,916.45	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 3,609.99	\$ 3,609.99	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
La Crosse								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 227,937.62	\$ 182,350.10	\$ 11,047.87	\$ 34,539.66	80.00000%	4.84688%	15.15312%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 55,431.64	\$ 55,431.64	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 4,662.72	\$ 4,662.72	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Madison								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 1,085,062.87	\$ 868,050.30	\$ 53,186.24	\$ 163,826.34	80.00000%	4.90167%	15.09833%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 263,948.37	\$ 263,948.37	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 22,447.11	\$ 22,447.11	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Oshkosh								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 185,473.61	\$ 148,378.89	\$ 9,014.59	\$ 28,080.13	80.00000%	4.86031%	15.13969%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 45,108.03	\$ 45,108.03	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 3,804.58	\$ 3,804.58	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
SEWRPC								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 3,891,644.49	\$ 3,113,315.59	\$ 190,756.11	\$ 587,572.78	80.00000%	4.90168%	15.09832%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 946,667.07	\$ 946,667.07	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 80,508.12	\$ 80,508.12	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Sheboygan								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 181,551.21	\$ 145,240.97	\$ 8,799.58	\$ 27,510.66	80.00000%	4.84689%	15.15311%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 44,151.03	\$ 44,151.03	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 3,713.84	\$ 3,713.84	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Superior								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 66,625.35	\$ 53,300.28	\$ 3,229.29	\$ 10,095.78	80.00000%	4.84694%	15.15306%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 16,202.47	\$ 16,202.47	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 1,362.92	\$ 1,362.92	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
Wausau								
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 189,005.38	\$ 151,204.31	\$ 9,160.87	\$ 28,640.20	80.00000%	4.84689%	15.15311%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 45,963.80	\$ 45,963.80	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 3,866.33	\$ 3,866.33	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%

	Total	Federal	State	Local	Federal	State	Local	Total
Non SATO 80/20	\$ 7,647,661.24	\$ 6,118,129.00	\$ 371,700.00	\$ 1,157,832.24	80.00000%	4.86031%	15.13969%	100.00000%
FTA SATO	\$ 1,859,946.00	\$ 1,859,946.00	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
FHWA 2.5% SATO	\$ 156,875.00	\$ 156,875.00	\$ -	\$ -	100.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	100.00000%
TOTAL	\$ 9,664,482.24	\$ 8,134,950.00	\$ 371,700.00	\$ 1,157,832.24				

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FC-04-24

ADOPTING THE 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND THE ANNUAL MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATION FOR THE APPLETON (FOX CITIES) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has been designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Area, and;

WHEREAS, the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO, as a designated Transportation Management Area (TMA) with representation from all jurisdictions within the planning area, has the responsibility to direct, coordinate, and administer the transportation planning process in the planning area, and;

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, under 23 CFR and 49 CFR 616, requires the development of a Unified Planning Work Program, and;

WHEREAS, the Policy Board has reviewed the transportation planning activities outlined in the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and finds them consistent with the transportation planning process and desires of the MPO, WisDOT, FTA, and FHWA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE APPLETON (FOX CITIES) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Appleton MPO and directs staff to submit the document to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, and;

Section 2: The Appleton (Fox Cities) Metropolitan Organization adopts the projects in the Special Projects section of the Unified Planning Work Program that pertain to projects within the MPO's boundaries, including Valley Transit's Section 5304 grant for the Transit Development Plan update, and;

Section 3: That in accordance with 23 CFR 450.336 the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and that these efforts are being conducted in accordance with all the applicable requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C 134 and 49 U.S.C 5303, and this subpart;
2. In non-attainment and maintenance areas, Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Acts as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law No.: 117-58) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects; 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway constructions 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. 6102), 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 discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Effective Date: October 17, 2024

Submitted To: Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared By: Kim Biedermann, Principal Transportation Planner

James Merten, Chair

Attest: Melissa Kraemer Badtke - Executive Director/MPO
Director

Approval Date

TO: Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Chris Colla, Associate Planner
DATE: October 17, 2024
RE: Presentation and Discussion of Connect Fox Cities 2050 Survey Results

East Central staff, with the help of numerous stakeholders and community partners, underwent Part 1 of the public engagement process to help inform Connect (Fox Cities) 2050, the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO's update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Staff collected feedback in person at three community events and distributed promotional materials; online feedback was collected on the Social Pinpoint interactive map and through a survey. The Social Pinpoint page received over 750 visits from 460 unique users. Seventy-five (75) comments were collected on the map, and 182 people completed the survey.

Demographics of the survey respondents roughly mirrored the population of the Fox Cities across race, income, and age demographics.

Several themes emerged from the conversations and feedback received, with active transportation, safety, and transit emerging as popular topics. Various survey question styles allowed users to select their responses or write thoughts of their own. Results of the public engagement have been included and will be presented at the meeting.

Comments or questions can be sent to Chris Colla via email at ccolla@ecwrpc.org.

Staff Recommendation: This memo is informational only; TAC discussion and feedback is encouraged.



Connect (Fox Cities) 2050 Public Engagement Results



Events

- Appleton Farmer's Market
- Greenville Farmer's Market
- Menasha National Night Out

CONNECT FOX CITIES 2050
APPLETON (FOX CITIES) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

ABOUT THE PROJECT

CONNECT 2050 is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the greater Fox Cities area. This plan serves as the major planning document of the region.

CONNECT 2050 establishes the vision and goals for the transportation system and guide development over the next 20 years!

CONNECT 2050 is an important plan update, as it establishes the methods used to select and prioritize transportation improvement projects and funding considerations in the region. Methods and modeling used in this update are driven by data which helps to anticipate changes and challenges, improve safety, and to develop proper implementation strategies.

The overall goal of this plan is to create happy, healthy, equitable, accessible, and safe communities through transportation improvements!

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC), which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the greater Fox Cities area, is leading this plan update. The project is currently in Phase 1 of public engagement. The project began in the beginning of 2024 and is scheduled to conclude in October of 2025.

Public Engagement is one of the most important parts of the project. CONNECT 2050 is a plan for the community and who knows what the community needs better than the community itself!

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

We have several ways for you to tell us your thoughts and opinions today!

1. Write your thoughts, comments, or concerns on a sticky note and place it in the relevant Transportation category!
2. Place a sticky dot on the Rating Scale for each draft goal.
3. Have a specific Location in mind that is a transportation concern? Tell a staff member and we can drop a pin on our web map!
4. We also have a web map and survey that you can access through the QR code!

Or visit:
<https://ecwrpc.mysocialpinpoint.com/connect-2050/home/>

PROJECT TIMELINE

- ✓ Goal Development
January - April 2024
- ★ Community Engagement Phase #1
May - August 2024
- Community Engagement Phase #2
November 2024 - February 2025
- Plan Development
June 2024 - August 2025
- Public Review Period
September 2025
- Final Plan Adoption
October 2025

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FOX CITIES MPO MAP

Free
Wildflower
Seeds!

White plastic bins containing various items for the event, including stacks of brochures, pens, and markers.

A row of colorful markers and pens laid out on the table.

A collection of small cards or brochures with QR codes, arranged on the table.

A tablet computer with a red protective case, displaying a website or application.

White plastic bins containing stacks of brochures and other materials, including a 'Trails of the Fox Cities' brochure.

Stacks of 'Trails of the Fox Cities' brochures laid out on the table.

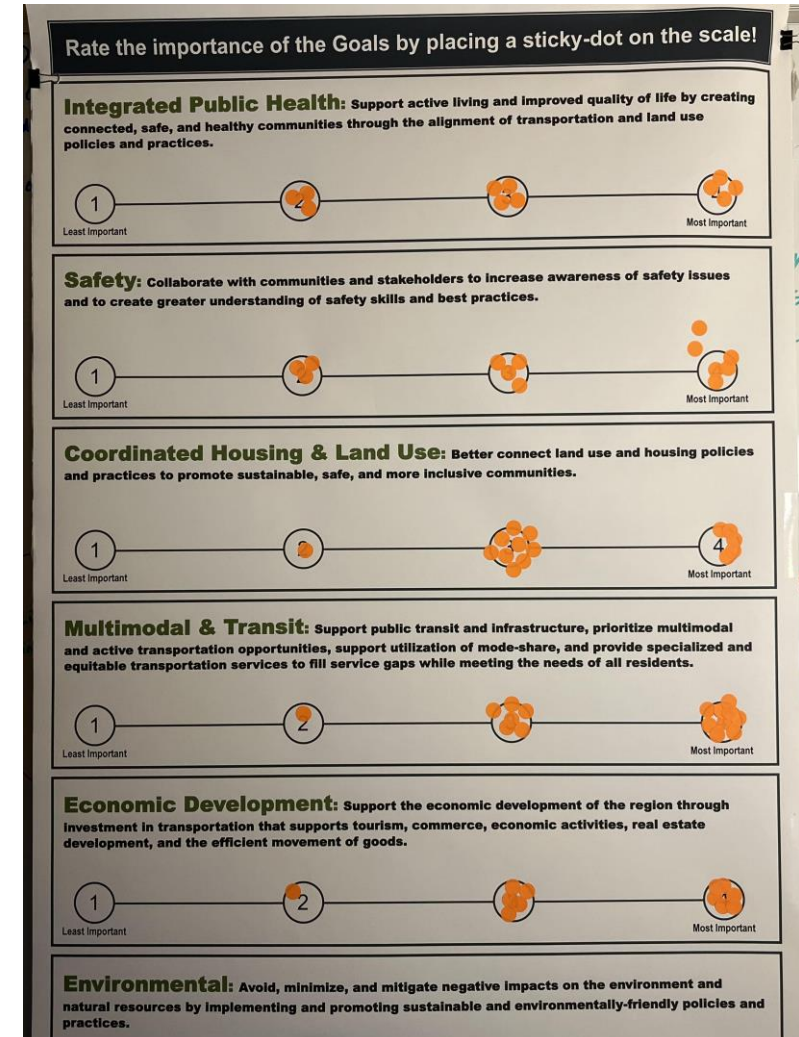
A collection of small stickers or magnets with various designs, including a sunflower and a bear.



Key Themes from Engagement Events

Each engagement event generated slightly different priorities in the goal ranking. Overall, all the goals were largely supported.

- Multimodal & Transit was popular with Appleton, not so much with Menasha & Greenville
- Safety was generally prioritized
- Coordinated Housing & Land Use received fewer sticky dots, but high priority ratings
- Greenville emphasized Environmental goals
- The Economic development and Environmental goals – both federally required – received more varied support than other goals
- In conversation, most visitors reported the goals covered everything they would like to see in the plan.



Social Pinpoint & Survey Results

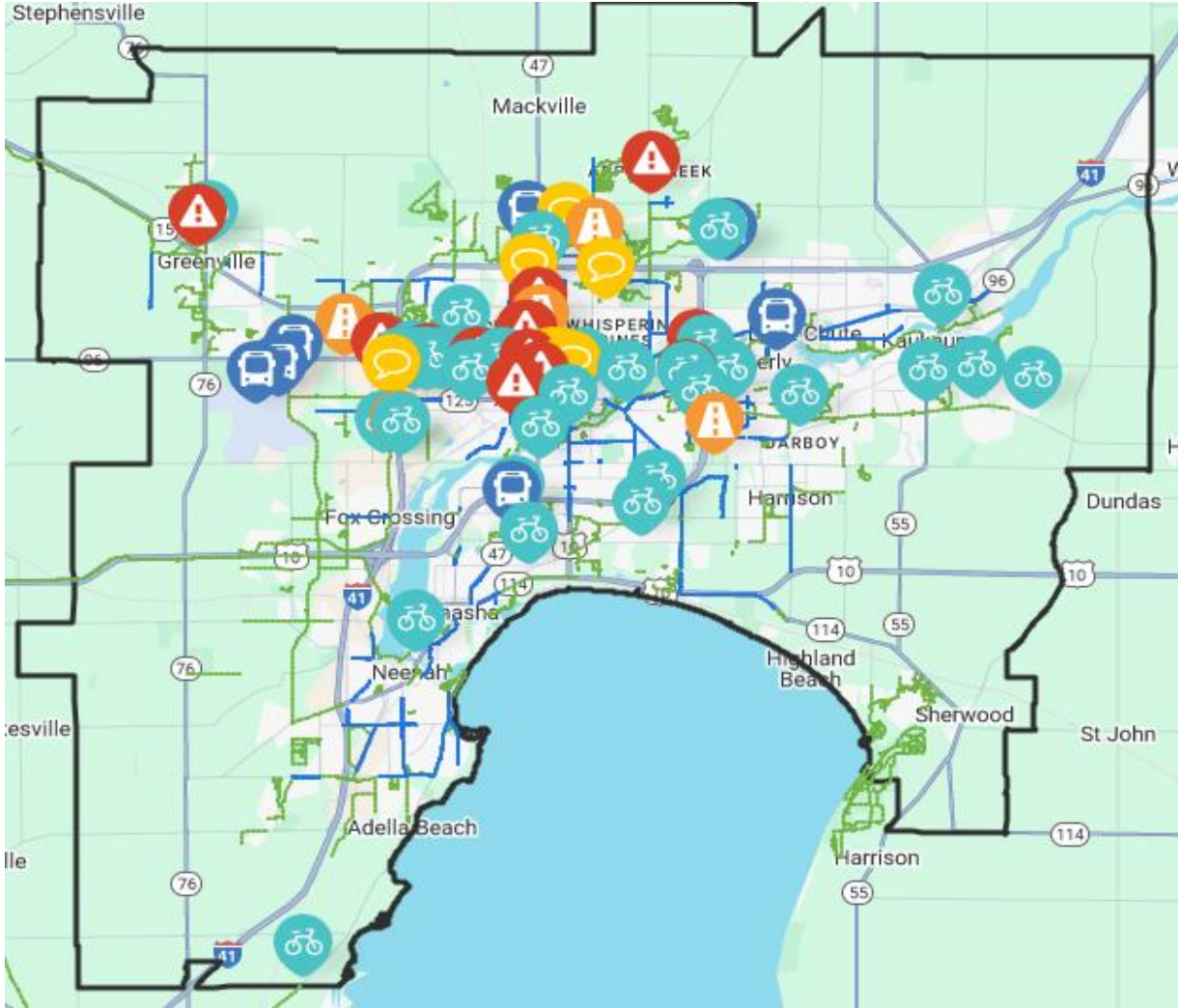


CONNECT FOX CITIES 2050

APPLETON (FOX CITIES) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

750+ site visits // 460 unique users // 75 map comments // 182 survey responses

Interactive Map



Bicycle & Pedestrian – 39 pins

- Unsafe intersections/crossing points
- Calls for added infrastructure on Spencer St, Manitowoc Rd, Buchanan Rd, Wisconsin Ave, Capitol Dr, Midway Rd, 9th St (Menasha), Casaloma Dr
- Better connectivity throughout the Fox Cities by bike; Connected bike lanes/trails from downtown Appleton to Neenah/Menasha, Kimberley
- Improve safety at/around schools for kids
- Multiple locations noted for unsafe crossings, especially along W College Ave

Roadway Safety – 15 Pins

- Hwy 15 crosswalk in Greenville, W College Ave corridor, Badger & Memorial

Transit – 7 pins

- Add service to the Airport; (any) service option to Seymour, Black Creek, Shiocton area
- Weekend services

Traffic Congestion – 5 Pins

- Several on I-41, 441 & Calumet St

General Comments – 9 Pins

- Lack of service, retail, grocery in downtown Appleton creates an over-reliance on cars, noise pollution
- Make College Ave pedestrian-only like Saturday markets – would transform the neighborhood, less nighttime disruptions
- Find better ways to convert land use from old railways

Survey Highlights

- 182 Individual responses
- 15+ zip codes
- Expected variations in age & income as mostly representative of the region
- 11% of respondents depend on public transportation
- 17% of respondents are limited by their current transportation options
- 58% of respondents use a car every day

Roadway Transportation Infrastructure

81% Satisfactory or better

Transit / Public Transportation

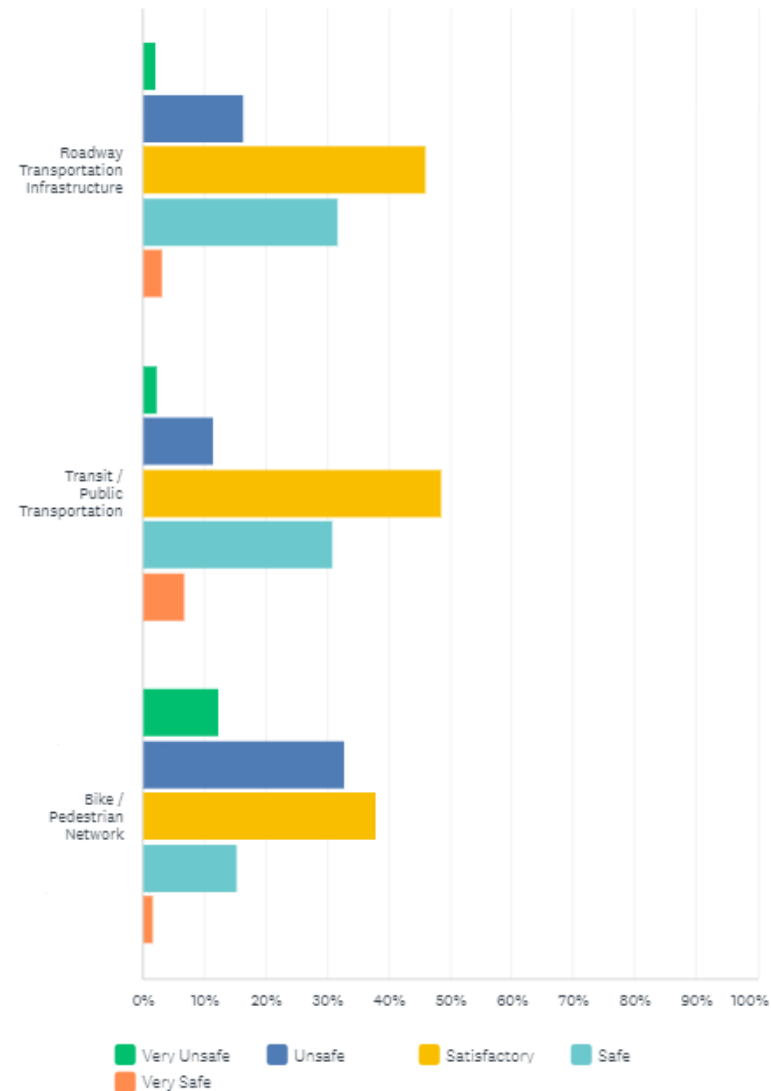
86% Satisfactory or better

Bicycle & Pedestrian Network

55% Satisfactory or better

How would you rate the safety of the following?

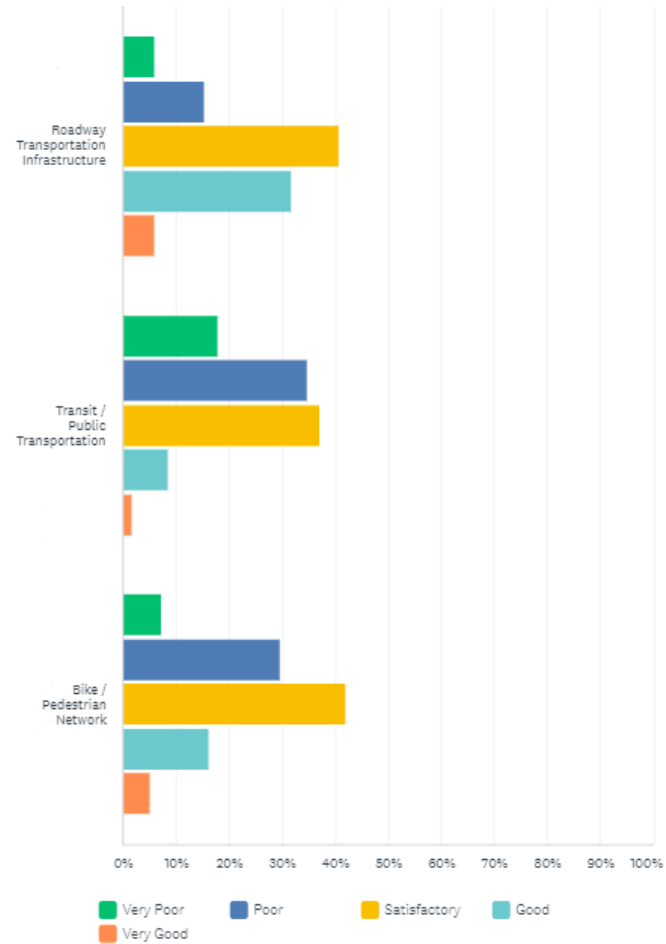
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Survey Highlights

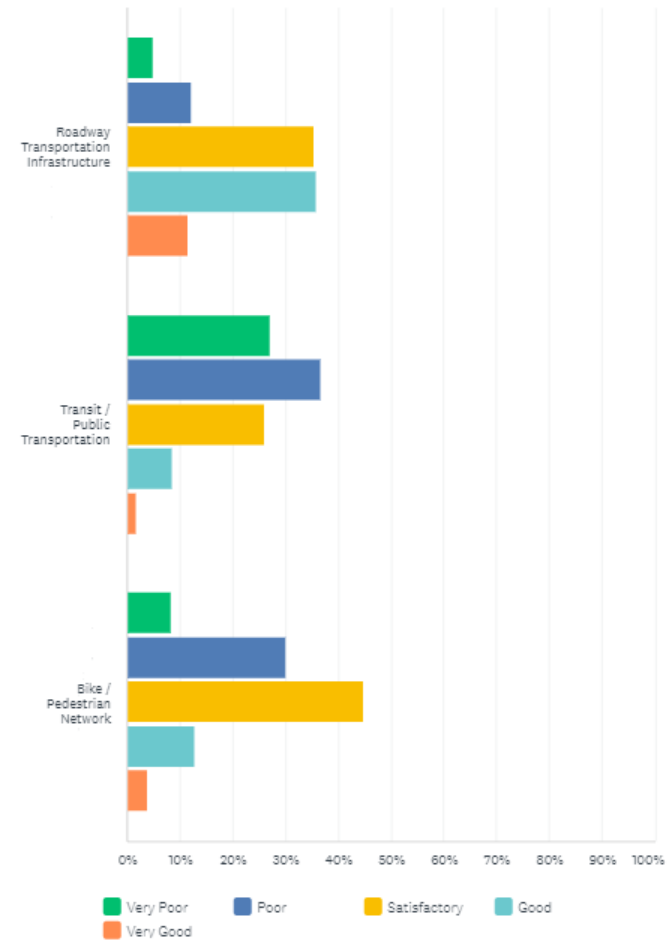
How would you rate the **QUALITY** of the following? (i.e. overall conditions and effectiveness in meeting your needs)

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



How would you rate the **CONVENIENCE** of the following? (i.e. ease of use and ability to reach destinations in a time-effective manner)

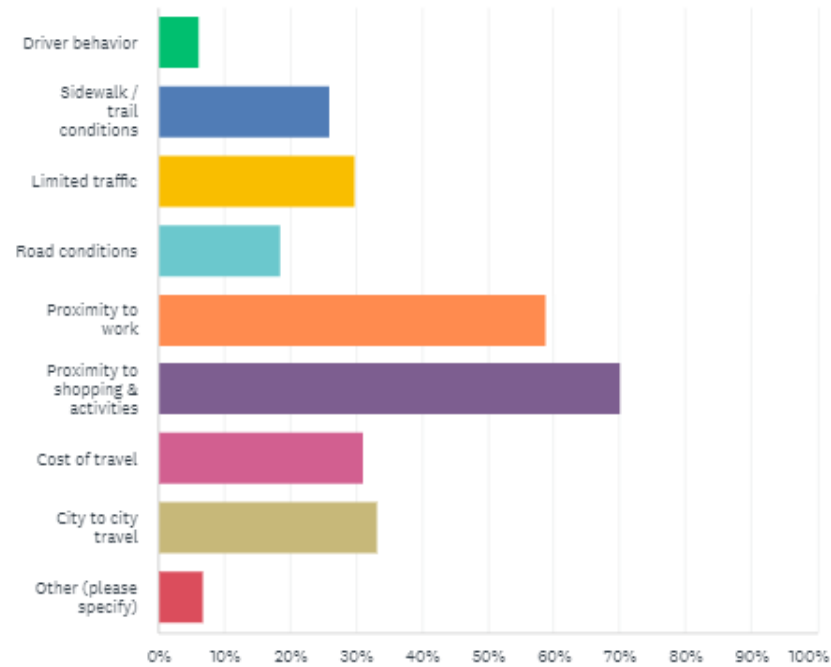
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Survey Highlights

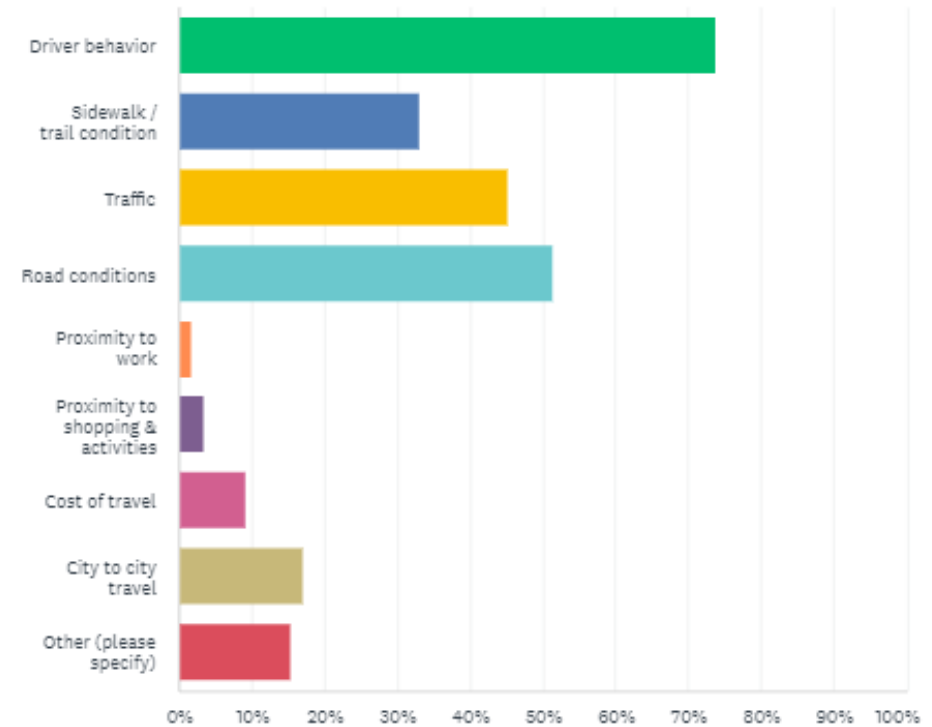
What do you like about traveling to, from, and around the Fox Cities? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 177 Skipped: 5



What concerns you about traveling to, from, and around the Fox Cities? (Select all that apply)

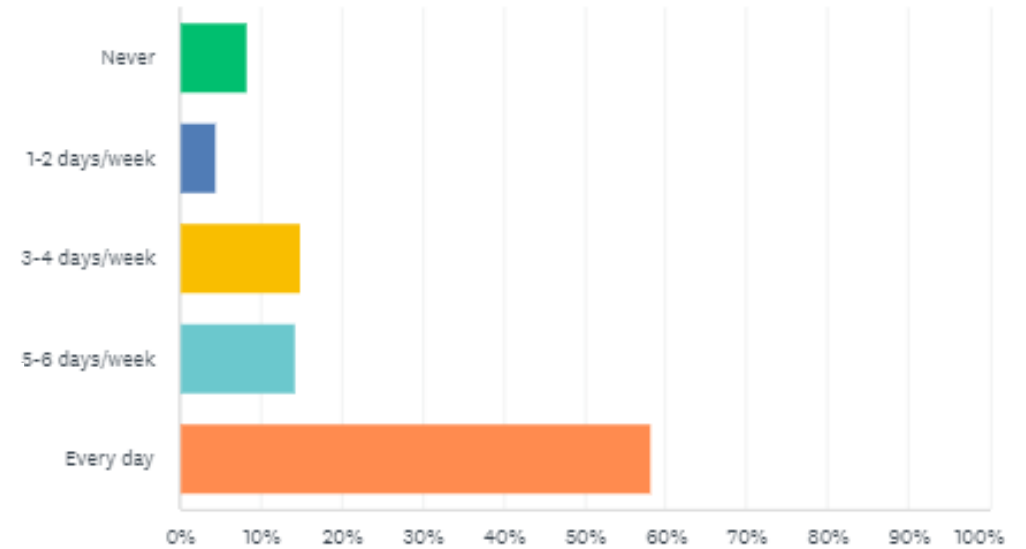
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Survey Highlights

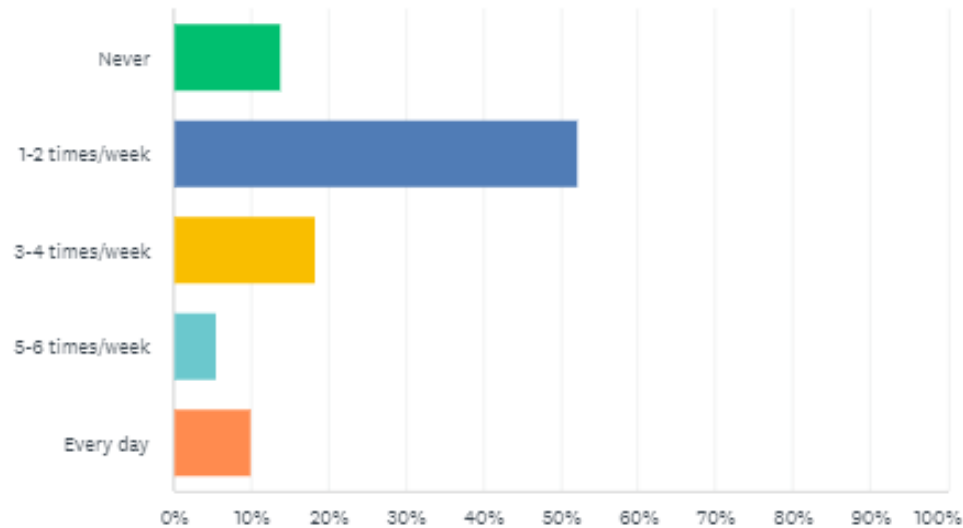
How many times per week do you use a personal vehicle?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



How often do you experience traffic congestion in the Fox Cities?

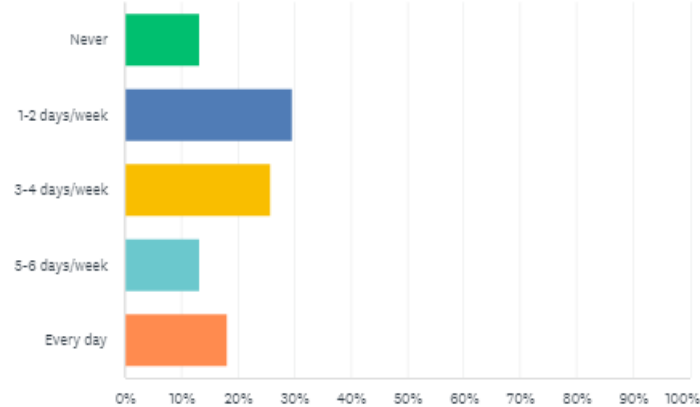
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Survey Highlights

How often do you walk, bike, or participate in other active modes? (for any reason)

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0

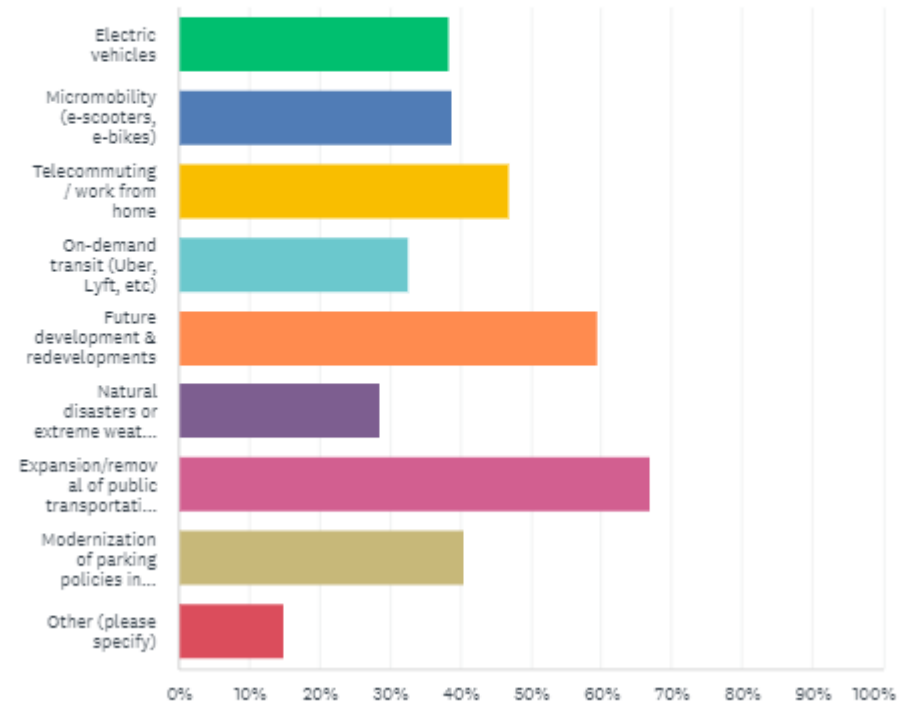


Other Answers – 26 total

- Microtransit or other public transit improvements (7)
- Commuter rail (4)
- Aging population / population growth (4)
- Lack of investment in complete streets / road infrastructure concerns (3)

Select any future considerations you believe may have a large impact on the transportation system:

Answered: 175 Skipped: 7



Wrap Up

Questions & Comments?

