

Gov. Evers: Announces more than \$35 million in awards for Wisconsin's Transportation Alternatives Program

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), announced 72 community transportation projects across the state will receive federal funding over the next five years through WisDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). More than \$35 million will be allocated to these TAP projects to help create or enhance opportunities for safe non-motorized transportation.

"From Barron County to Kenosha County, these grants will help support dozens of communities in implementing safe and sustainable transportation alternatives for folks across our state," said Gov. Evers. "Transportation alternative projects, such as the bike and pedestrian paths funded through these investments, are not only great ways to reduce emissions and build a more sustainable transportation system but they enhance quality of life in communities in every corner of Wisconsin."

"We are excited to deliver these TAP investments over the next five years to expand safe options for pedestrians and bicyclists to get to school or work," said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. "These investments help modernize communities, enhance mobility and spur economic development."

Projects were selected by a Transportation Management Area (TMA) or Statewide Selection Committee. TMAs are Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) with an urbanized population greater than 200,000 people and are responsible for the selection of TAP projects within their MPO boundaries. A Statewide Selection Committee reviews all other applications and recommends projects for WisDOT secretary approval. The committee includes representatives from the Wisconsin

State Senate and Assembly, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Bike Fed, Wisconsin Counties Association, and WisDOT. A list of awarded projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2026 is available [here](#).

TAP is a reimbursement program, and TAP projects are generally funded 80 percent federally, with a 20 percent local match. Federal funds are capped at the award amount listed.

Additional information about TAP can be found on the WisDOT website [here](#).

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