

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THESE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MINOR AMENDMENTS

An addition to Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and TIP Amendments resulting from Federal surface transportation in recent years, including the “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation” (FAST) Act, is a financial plan which documents that funding is available to meet expenditures for projects receiving Federal funding throughout the period covered by a TIP or TIP Amendment.

Table 7 discusses available Federal funding for these minor amendments to the *2017 – 2020 TIP* in thousands of dollars, and demonstrates the ability of available funding sources to implement the projects programmed in the TIP (as amended). Programmed expenditures in the TIP (as amended) have been compared to the funding estimated to be available. Included in Table 7 are Federal highway and Federal transit funding sources. In the event of the over-programming of funds, the MPO advisory committees will work to resolve the discrepancy; this may involve the use of alternative Federal and/or state funding sources.

Table 7 reflects an annual inflation factor of 2.0 percent for programmed expenditures and an estimated inflation factor of 2.0 percent for available funding in nearly all highway and transit programs; exceptions include the transportation alternatives set-aside within the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, as well as the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement program (CMAQ), where funding was not inflated at all. Most inflation factors used in this financial plan were based on guidance from staff at the WisDOT Bureau of Planning and Economic Development that was issued to Wisconsin MPOs in the development of their financial plans for their long-range transportation plans and TIPs in July of 2016; the Sheboygan Parking and Transit Utility consulted with the MPO on transit-related inflation factors.

Table 7 indicates that the following street and highway and bicycle and pedestrian project categories in the *2017 – 2020 TIP* (as amended) are adequately funded when taken as a whole for the program period:

- National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), including what were National Highway System and Interstate Maintenance funding sources under SAFETEA-LU, and also funding bridge improvements on the National Highway System. One regular NHPP project and three categories of WisDOT “grouped” NHPP projects are funded in Table 6.
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, including projects that were originally included under the STP funding category as well as any bridge improvements off the National Highway System in SAFETEA-LU, along with the STP Urban and the Transportation Alternatives programs in SAFETEA-LU and in MAP-21. Nine regular STBG projects are funded in Table 6, while two categories of WisDOT “grouped” STBG projects are funded in Tables 5 and 6. Two of the regular STBG projects are from what was originally the STP Urban program, while one STBG “grouped” project involves a transportation alternatives set-aside.
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP): One regular HSIP project and two categories of WisDOT “grouped” HSIP projects are funded in Table 6.

**Table 7
Programmed and Available Federal Funding for the 2017 - 2020 TIP (As Amended)
(In Thousands of Dollars)**

Agency	Funding Source	Program	Programmed Expenditures					Estimated Available Funding						
			2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total		
Federal Highway Administration		National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	7,636	979	999	1,019	10,633							
		Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)	3,778	4,009	3,231	267	11,285							
		Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	1,515	196	200	204	2,114							
		Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Set-Aside (HSIP-RR)	240	245	250	255	989							
		Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NMTTP)	690	3,642	540	0	4,872							
		Total	13,859	9,071	5,219	1,745	29,894	15,616	18,837	16,084	15,874	66,410		
		Federal Transit Administration		Section 5304	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
				Section 5307 - Sheboygan Urbanized Area - Operating Expenses	1,169	1,180	1,192	1,204	4,745	1,169	1,180	1,192	1,204	4,745
				Section 5307 - Sheboygan Urbanized Area - Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				Section 5339	0	367	0	0	367	169	173	176	180	697
				Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)	720	720	0	0	1,440	390	389	390	389	1,558
				Section 5310	171	0	0	0	171	171	0	0	0	171
Total	2,060			2,267	1,192	1,204	6,723	1,899	1,742	1,758	1,773	7,172		

NOTES:

(1) Totals may not be completely consistent with the sum of individual cell entries due to rounding error.

(2) With the exception of the transportation alternatives (TA) set-aside in the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, all highway- and enhancement-related programmed expenditures were adjusted to reflect an annual inflation rate of 2.0 percent. With the exception of the TA set-aside in the STBG program and the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NMTTP), all highway- and enhancement-related estimated available funding was adjusted to reflect an annual inflation rate of 2.0 percent. Funds under the TA set-aside in the STBG program were not adjusted to reflect inflation under either programmed expenditures or estimated available funding, while funds under the NMTTP were adjusted for inflation for programmed expenditures but were not adjusted for inflation for estimated available funding. These adjustments were made per WisDOT guidance updated in July 2016.

(3) Total transit operating expenses were adjusted to reflect an annual inflation rate of 1.0 percent. These adjustments were made through consultation with staff of the Sheboygan Parking and Transit Utility (Shoreline Metro).

(4) With the exception of CMAQ, all transit capital programmed expenditures were adjusted to reflect an annual inflation rate of 2.0 percent, while all transit capital estimated available funding was also adjusted to reflect an annual inflation rate of 2.0 percent. CMAQ funds were not adjusted to reflect inflation under either programmed expenditures or estimated available funding. These adjustments were made per WisDOT guidance updated in July 2016, as well as through consultation with staff of the Sheboygan Parking and Transit Utility (Shoreline Metro).

Source: Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, 2016 and 2017.

- Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Set-Aside (HSIP-RR): Two categories of WisDOT “grouped” HSIP-RR projects are funded in Table 6.
- Sheboygan County Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NMTTP): Five NMTTP projects are funded in Table 5.

As far as transit is concerned:

- It is likely that Shoreline Metro will apply for FTA Section 5304 funding to complete a transit development program (TDP) for its operation. If the Wisconsin Department of Transportation approves this funding, Table 2 will be amended to include this project.
- Section 5307 transit operational funds will be available in stable amounts for the regular operations of Shoreline Metro over the program period, as noted in Table 1.
- Based on recent trends, and when taken as a whole, transit capital funding should be available to finance one fixed-route bus replacement in 2018 (Table 2). Four capital items are listed as illustrative projects in Table 2. Section 5339 FTA funding will be the primary Federal funding source for transit capital items at Shoreline Metro and at other small urbanized transit operations in Wisconsin. In the event that Section 5339 funding is not available, Section 5307 FTA funding will be the Federal funding source for most transit capital items.
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding should be available to finance two fixed-route bus replacements in 2017, as well as two fixed-route bus replacements in 2018 in Table 2.
- Section 5310 funding should be available to fund two vehicles for the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department and its Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) as well as two vehicles for RCS Empowers, Inc. in 2017, as noted in Table 4.

Any costs associated with providing street and highway operations and maintenance (O & M) activities in the Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area are funded entirely by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (for the state trunk highway network), by the Sheboygan County Transportation Department (for the county trunk highway network), and by the local operating budgets of the various jurisdictions within the Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area (for local streets and roads). These O & M funds are completely separate from the capital improvement funds provided for in this TIP, and do not affect the cost estimates and corresponding fiscal constraints shown in this document. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has estimated that it spends an average of just over \$2 million on O & M activities on the state trunk highway network in Sheboygan County, a variable portion of which is spent in the Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area.