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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the West Bend Urbanized Area

FROM: Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Staff

DATE: September 11, 2018

**SUBJECT: CANDIDATE PROJECTS FOR YEARS 2021-2022 FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM—WEST BEND URBANIZED AREA FUNDING**

Since its inception in 2013, one of the responsibilities of the West Bend TIP Committee is the consideration and recommendation of projects for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – West Bend Urbanized Area (STP-WB) funds. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) typically solicits projects in the West Bend urbanized area every two years. In early 2017, WisDOT solicited local projects for 2021-2022 STP-WB funding, with applications due in late July of that year. By the deadline, the City of West Bend had submitted three projects requesting \$12,414,400 in years 2021-2022 STP-WB funding, as shown on Table 1. Following the solicitation, WisDOT initiated a review of the STP local program statewide, which concluded in early 2018. Based on its review, WisDOT had initially proposed changing the local program that included the replacing of Federal STP funds—including STP-WB funding—for projects in the local program with State funds (as permitted in the 2017-2019 State Biennial Budget) and allocating the State-funded local program funds to each of the 72 Counties directly for project selection (rather than the State and the urbanized areas) and project administration (rather than the State). The purpose of the proposed changes was to lessen costs for WisDOT in administrating the statewide Local Program and to provide flexibility to local governments in the selection and implementation of projects (the latter potentially providing a savings in project costs). However, based on feedback received, WisDOT staff have indicated to Commission staff that the proposed revisions will not be pursued for the 2021-2022 funding cycle for STP funding allocated to the urbanized areas. Thus, the funding available to the candidate county/local projects in the West Bend urbanized area submitted in July 2017 will be STP-WB funding—not State funding—and the West Bend TIP Committee would continue to be responsible for the consideration and recommendation of projects for STP-WB funding.

In July 2018, WisDOT staff informed the Commission and Washington County that there is \$2,306,188 in years 2021-2022 STP-WB funding available for new projects in the West Bend urbanized area, which is less than the \$12,414,400 being requested. Thus far, the West Bend TIP Committee has recommended two projects within the urbanized area for STP-WB funds—Washington County’s project to recondition CTH N between the county line and Airport Drive (\$2.39 million) as part of the 2015-2018 project selection cycle and the City of West Bend’s project to reconstruct 18th Avenue between Vogt Drive and Decorah Road (\$3.22 million) as

part of the 2018-2020 project selection cycle. While the Committee did not develop a process to evaluate and recommend projects for STP-WB funding, through discussion by the Committee a consensus was reached as to how available STP-WB funding should be allocated.<sup>1</sup> The City of West Bend is the only community that submitted projects for years 2021-2022 STP-WB funding. As none of their three submitted projects would be fully funded by the available \$2,306,188 in years 2021-2022 STP-WB funding, the City of West Bend has expressed a willingness to accept partial funding for its project to reconstruct 18th Avenue between Vogt Drive and Paradise Drive (\$2,306,188 of the requested \$3,204,800 in STP-WB funding).

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<sup>1</sup> In 2013, these projects were the only projects that were seeking the available \$2.88 million in years 2015-2018 STP-WB funds. As the requested amount of these two projects exceeded the amount of available funding, the Committee recommended in 2013 that the construction of the CTH N project and the preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the 18th Avenue project be selected for the available STP-WB funding. The proposed CTH N was prioritized because it was scheduled to be constructed in 2015, compared to the proposed 18th Avenue project which was scheduled for 2018. In addition, the West Bend TIP Committee recommended at that meeting that the construction for the proposed 18th Avenue project be prioritized for STP-WB funds available during the next funding cycle. As such, the West Bend TIP Committee was informed in 2015 by Washington County that the construction of the 18th Avenue project would receive the available \$2.76 million in years 2019-2020 STP-WB funding.

**Table 1**  
**Candidate Local Government Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) Projects for**  
**the West Bend Urbanized Area: Federal Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022**

Project Sponsor	Project Sponsor Priority	Project Description	Federal Funding Requested					Total
			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
City of West Bend	1/2/3	Reconstruction of S. Main Street between Humar Street and Rusco Drive	672,000 PE	1,018,400 ROW	4,928,000 Const	--	--	6,618,400
	4/5/6	Reconstruction of 7th Avenue between Walnut Street and Cedar Street	--	402,400 PE	80,800 ROW	2,108,000 Const	--	2,591,200
	7/8/9	Reconstruction of 18th Avenue between Vogt Drive and Paradise Drive	--	--	384,000 PE	368,800 ROW	2,452,000 Const	3,204,800

Total STP funds requested: \$12,414,400

Total STP funds available: \$2,306,188

Source: Wisconsin Department of Transportation and SEWRPC