

Southeastern Wisconsin **Regional Planning Commission**



Draft

Transportation Improvement Program: 2023-2026

Virtual Public Information Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

●●●●● Welcome and Introductions

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Virtual Meeting Overview

- 1) Background
- 2) About the Draft 2023-2026 TIP
- 3) Question and Comment Session



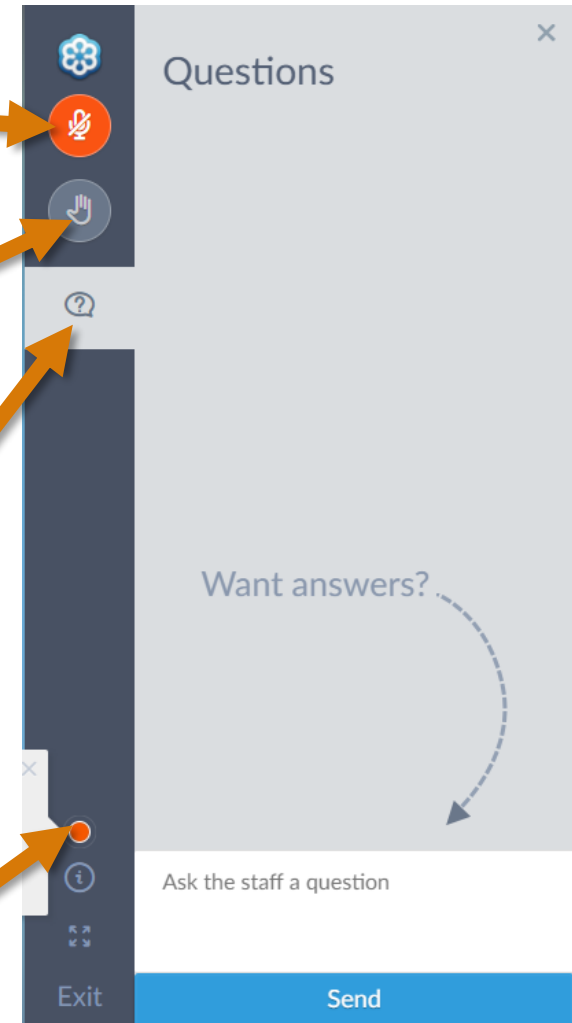
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What is a TIP?

- A listing of transportation projects proposed to be carried out by State and local governments over the next four years (2023-2026) in the seven counties of southeastern Wisconsin.
- Includes all projects to be funded with Federal transit and highway funding.
- Reviewed and approved by the Commission's Advisory Committees on Regional Transportation Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Round Lake Beach, and West Bend Urbanized areas.
- Projects in the TIP must be:
 - Consistent with available funding.
 - Consistent with the fiscally-constrained portion of VISION 2050 (the 2050 regional transportation plan). Information on VISION 2050 can be found at www.vision2050sewis.org.



Types of Projects Listed in the TIP

- **Highway Preservation:** Resurfacing, reconstruction, and other projects on arterial roadways to preserve existing roadway (without capacity expansion).
- **Highway Improvement:** Involves providing increased traffic-carrying capacity, typically through the addition of traffic lanes.
- **Highway Expansion:** Development of new arterial roadways.
- **Transit Preservation:** Projects that are necessary to maintain the current quality and level of service on the existing transit system.
- **Transit Improvement:** Projects that improve the quality and level of service on the existing transit system.
- **Transit Expansion:** Projects that either expand the existing transit system or create new transit systems or subsystems.



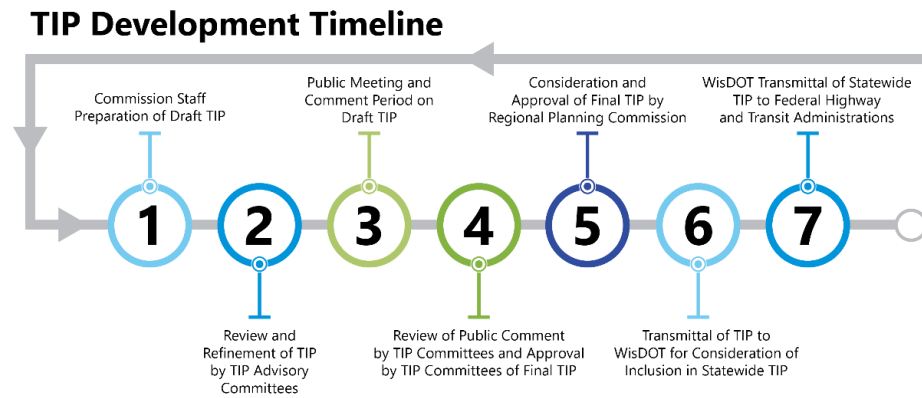
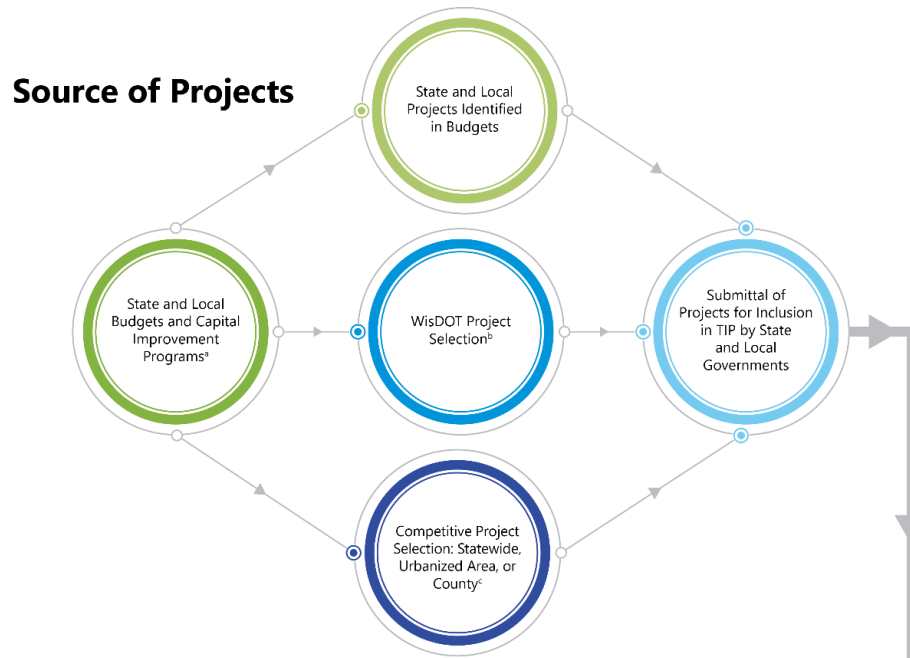
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- **Bicycle/Pedestrian:** Projects that involve preserving, improving, and expanding bicycle/pedestrian accommodations.
- **Highway Safety:** Projects designed to improve roadway safety.
- **Environmental Enhancement:** Other projects that encourage alternative modes of travel, and reduce air, noise, or visual pollution, or provide benefit to highway system operation or capacity. Projects include alternative fuel projects and traffic flow projects, such as traffic signal coordination projects.
- **Highway Off-System:** Projects on non-arterial roadways eligible for Federal funding, such as Federal bridge funding.



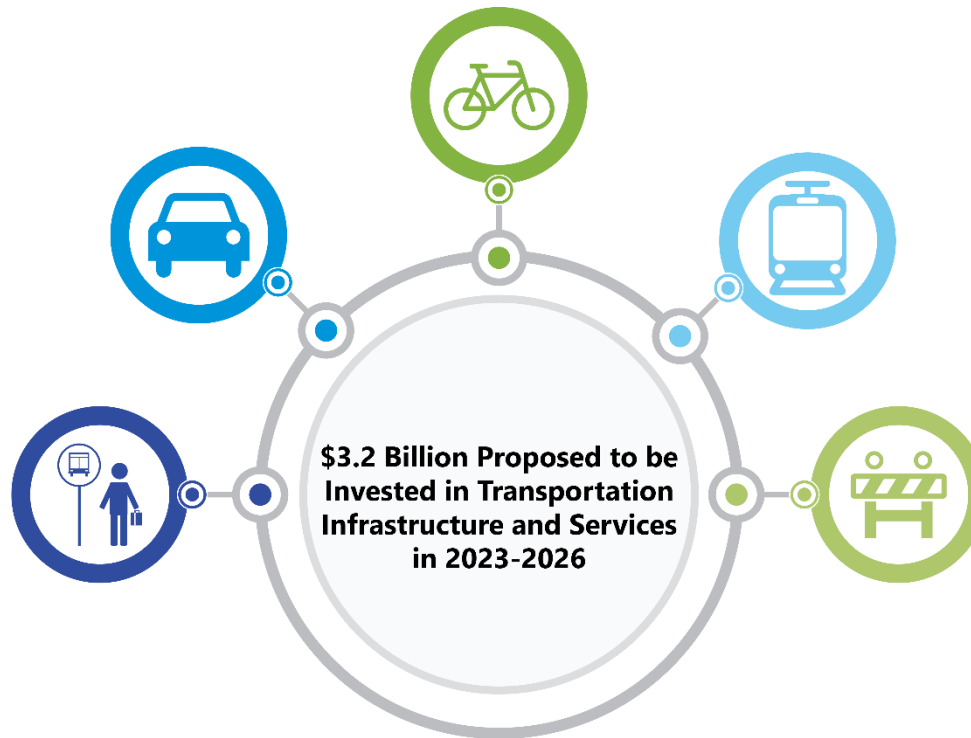


TIP Development Process





Distribution of Planned Expenditures



\$712 MILLION

for preserving the extent and level of service of the existing transit system



\$1.4 BILLION

for preserving the existing highway system



\$27 MILLION

for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, congestion mitigation, and other environmental enhancements



\$32 MILLION

for new transit service



\$985 MILLION

for roadway reconstruction projects that preserve the highway system and add additional capacity to address congestion



Note: One of the transit expansion projects includes transit improvement activities. No expenditures are programmed to be incurred for highway expansion activities.





Transit Projects Programmed in the TIP

\$712 MILLION invested in years 2023-2026 for preserving and maintaining the transit systems in the Region

In 2021, the Region's transit systems:









Operated over **24.1 MILLION** vehicle-miles

Provided nearly **18.7 MILLION** boardings

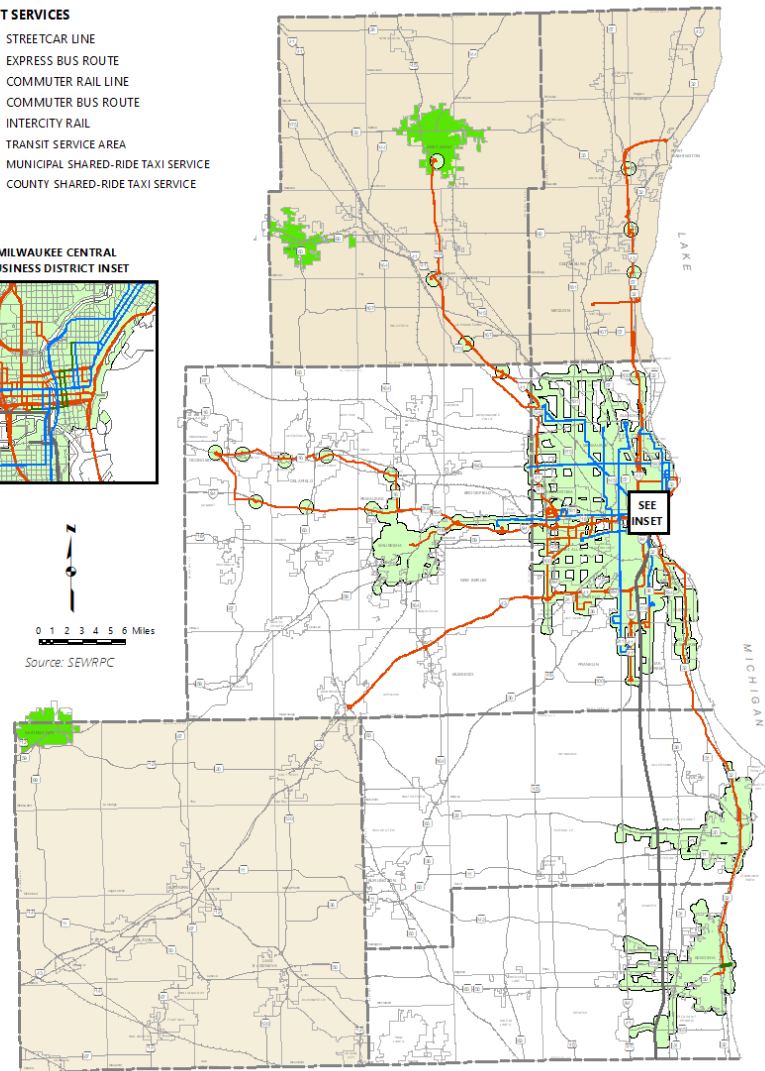
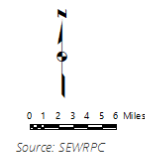
Served **1 MILLION** people and **661,000** jobs in service areas

Public Transit Services in the Region: 2021

TRANSIT SERVICES

-  STREETCAR LINE
-  EXPRESS BUS ROUTE
-  COMMUTER RAIL LINE
-  COMMUTER BUS ROUTE
-  INTERCITY RAIL
-  TRANSIT SERVICE AREA
-  MUNICIPAL SHARED-RIDE TAXI SERVICE
-  COUNTY SHARED-RIDE TAXI SERVICE

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT INSET





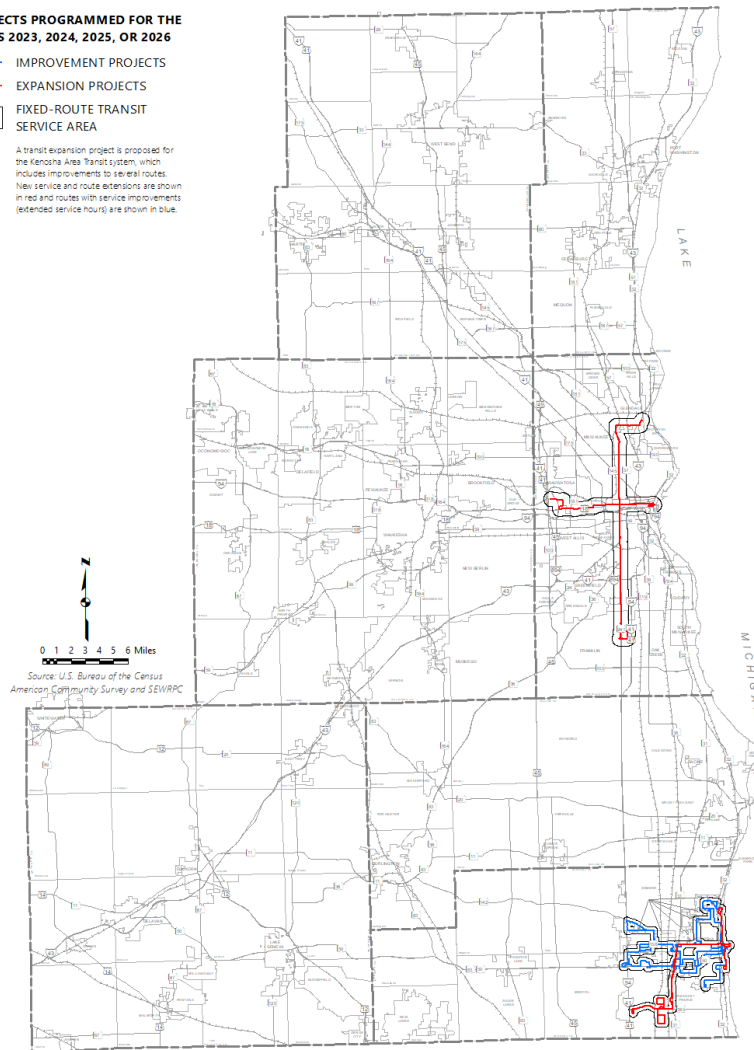
Transit Projects Programmed in the TIP

Transit Improvement and Expansion Projects Programmed for the Years 2023 Through 2024

PROJECTS PROGRAMMED FOR THE YEARS 2023, 2024, 2025, OR 2026

- IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- EXPANSION PROJECTS
- FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA

Note: A transit expansion project is proposed for the Kenosha Area Transit system, which includes improvements to several routes. New service and route extensions are shown in red and routes with service improvements (extended service hours) are shown in blue.



\$12 MILLION for operations of improved and expanded services

East-West BRT
Milwaukee Streetcar
Kenosha Transit Expansion

\$20 MILLION for preliminary engineering of the 27th Street Corridor transit enhancements project between Drexel Avenue and Bayshore Mall





Highway Projects Programmed in the TIP

Highway Preservation, Improvement, and Expansion Projects Programmed for the Years 2023 Through 2026

Proposed to be Constructed 2023-2026

\$2.0
BILLION

for **RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTING** 511 miles of arterial roads¹

\$255
MILLION

for **REHABILITATION AND REPLACING** 279 bridges

\$985
MILLION

for **RECONSTRUCTING** 19 miles of arterial/freeway to provide **ADDITIONAL LANES**²

\$66
MILLION

invested in projects that exclusively address **SAFETY**

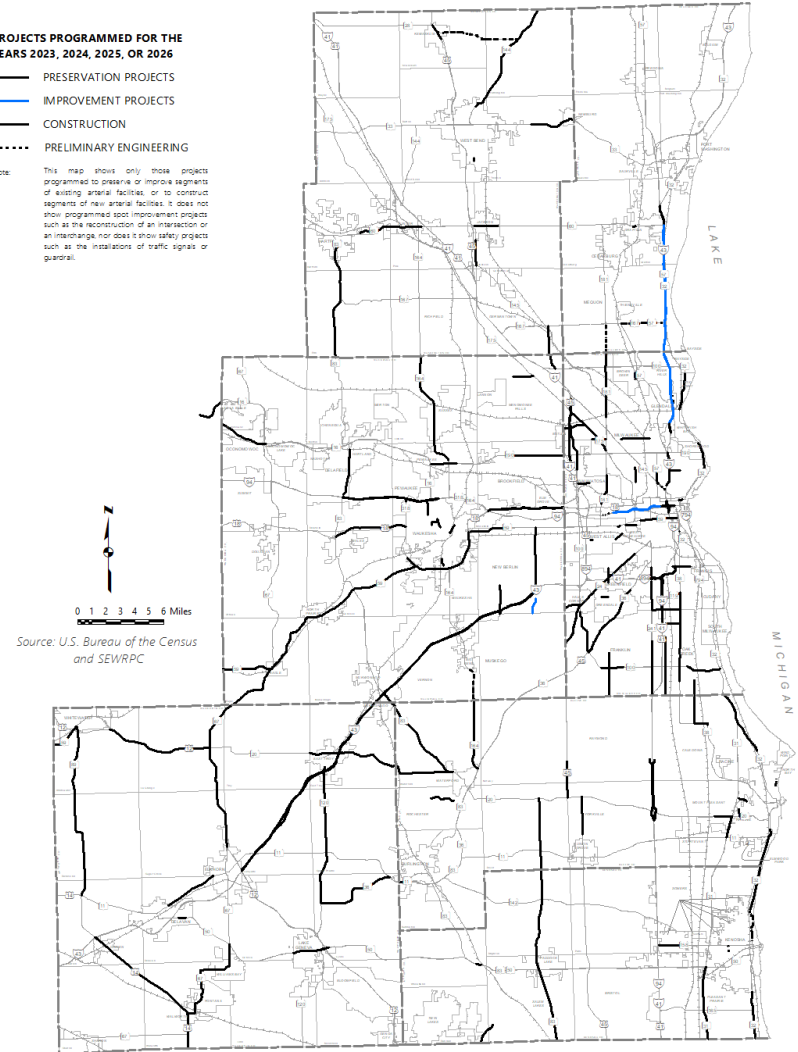
¹ Includes both reconstruction to same capacity and reconstruction with additional lanes (80 to 90 percent of the cost for such projects is for preservation).

² Majority of cost is for the reconstruction of the arterial/freeway with additional lanes representing about 10 to 20 percent of cost.

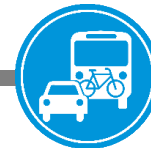
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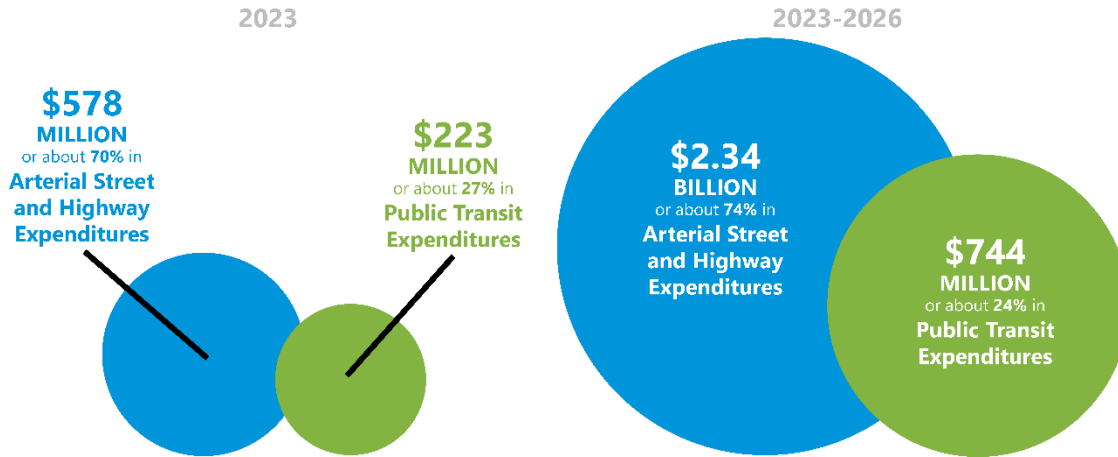
- PRESERVATION PROJECTS
- IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- CONSTRUCTION
- PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

Note: This map shows only those projects programmed to preserve or improve segments of existing arterial facilities, or to construct segments of new arterial facilities. It does not show programmed spot improvement projects such as the reconstruction of an intersection or an interchange, nor does it show safety projects such as the installation of traffic signals or guardrails.



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC





Effect of Insufficient Funding

- Highway projects are deferred or delayed.
- Transit service is not expanded or improved, and reductions in existing service and fare increases beyond inflation.

Funding for Transit in Southeastern Wisconsin

- **Transit operators rely heavily on Federal and State operating funds** (typically 70-80 percent of operating budget).
- **Under Federal law, the use of Federal transit funds for operating is limited.** Transit operators have been making maximum use of Federal transit funds.
- **Federal highway funds can be flexed (transferred) to transit projects**, but is limited to capital funds. Federal highway funds have been utilized to fund transit capital projects.
- **Funding available to transit is dependent on actions of Federal, State and Local elected officials.**
 - Federal Funding – U.S. Congress and President establish levels and restrictions of Federal funds.
 - State Funding – State Legislature and Governor establish level of State funding, and whether regional transit authorities or dedicated funding is available.
 - Local funding – Local elected officials establish level of funding, fares, and service levels. Ability to increase funding is limited.



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- **Email: tip@sewrpc.org**
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Comment period open through December 1



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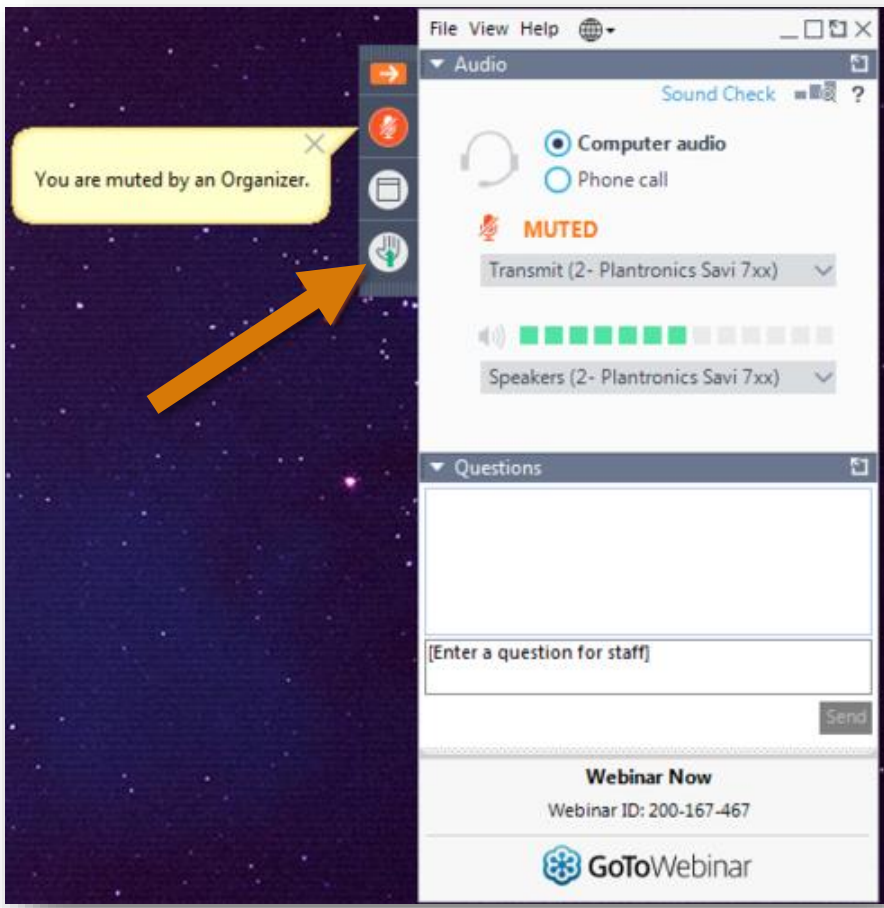
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- Verbal Questions/Public Comment
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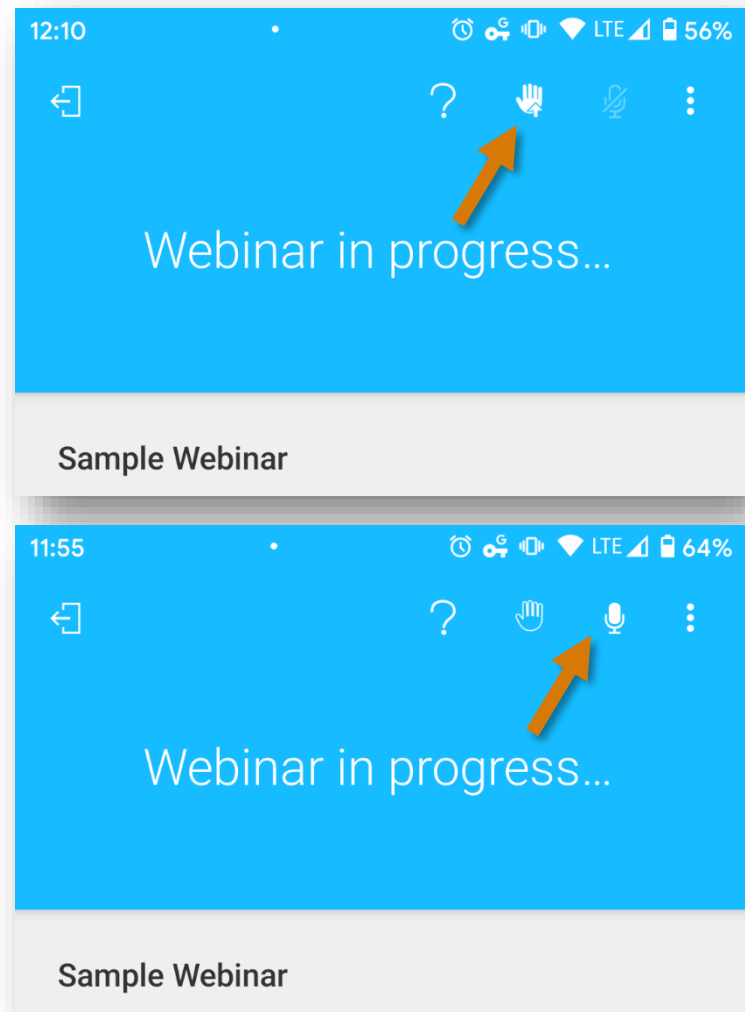
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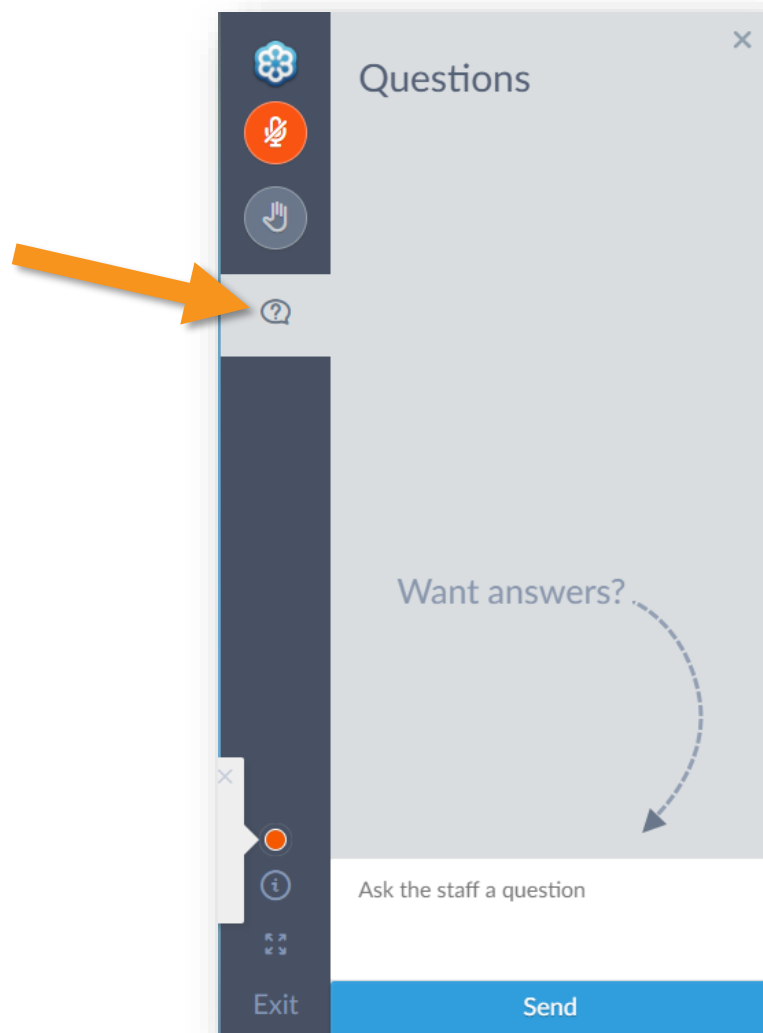
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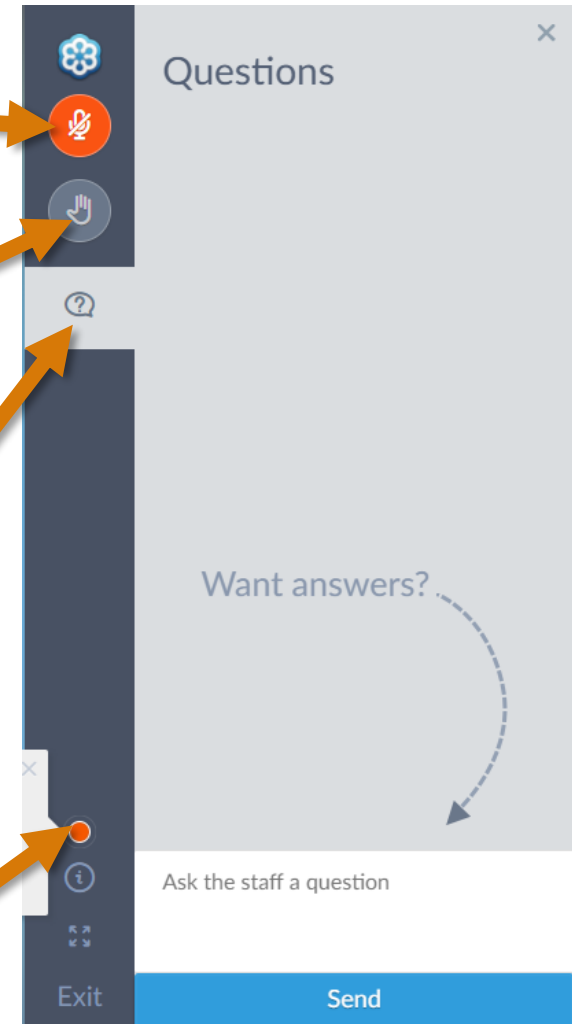
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