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# **Legal Statement**

Agencies that utilize Federal Transportation Funds are required to publish a listing of projects using these funds on an annual basis. This document satisfies the following requirements listed in 23 CFR 450.334:

- (a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operators, and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.
- (b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with §450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) information under §450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available in subsequent years.
- (c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.

Projects are funded by combining several different funding sources, and consequently can be listed in an itemized fashion by the different respective funding pools. At a minimum, there is a federal component and a local component. An obligation is the legal commitment of the Federal Government to pay the Federal component of the project cost. Important to note is that projects are not necessarily started or completed in the same fiscal year in which they are obligated. The point at which obligation officially occurs is different for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects. The point of obligation for FTA projects is when a grant is awarded. The point of obligation for FHWA projects is when a project agreement is executed.

# **Overview & Purpose**

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) serves as the staff for the Fond du Lac MPO, and as such works in coordination with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Authority (FTA), and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to program and invest in improvements to the region's transportation system. The Obligated Projects report is required on an annual basis to inform the public of the programmed improvement projects. Roadway, Pedestrian, Transit, and Railroad crossing projects are all included. Projects listed are those that are located within the MPO and had funds obligated in federal fiscal year 2023.

Projects are consolidated into two tables, one for Federal Highway Administration projects and the other for Federal Transit Administration projects. The tables connect the projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through the TIP number, provide project name and funding type information, and include dollar amounts that were obligated for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 as well as total project costs.

# **Project Tables**

**Programmed Funds:** Programmed funds are an estimate of the total project cost. These funds are compared with expected funding amounts to ensure fiscal constraint before the project begins. Once project costs are finalized, funds can be designated as obligated.

**Obligated Funds:** Once FHWA or FTA designate funds as obligated, they are legally committing to use those funds to pay for the Federal share of a projects eligible cost.

Table 1. Fond du Lac Federal Highway Administration Projects

Project Name	TIP Number	Project Number	Funding Type	Authorization Date	•	FFY 2023 Programmed in TIP (\$)		Difference Between FFY 2023 Programmed and Obligated Funds (\$)
C FOND DU LAC, STOW STREET DE NEVEU CREEK BRIDGE DSN/FULL PSE/BRRPL BRIDGE P-20-728 C/E - CONSULTANT DELIVERY (PRELIM OR CONST ENGINEERING)			HIP BRIDGE FORMULA PGM OFF-SYS		\$ 264,160		\$ 264,160	
C FOND DU LAC, WEST SCOTT STREET CTH OOO OVERPASS	443-22-019	2023371	STBG 50-200K POP IIJA	2/10/2023	\$ 117,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 0
FOND DU LAC CO, CTH K TAYCHEEDAH CREEK BRIDGE DSN/FULL PSE/BRRPL B-20-0015 C/E - CONSULTANT DELIVERY (PRELIM OR CONST ENGINEERING)	443-22-022	2023373	HIP BRIDGE FORMULA PROGRAM	2/10/2023	\$ 186,510	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,208	\$ (208)
FOND DU LAC CO, CTH V DE NEVEU CREEK BRIDGE DSN/FULL PSE/BRRPL B-20-0051 C/E - CONSULTANT DELIVERY (PRELIM OR CONST ENGINEERING)	443-22-021	2023385	HIP BRIDGE FORMULA PROGRAM	2/10/2023	\$ 194,160	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,328	\$ (328)
C FOND DU LAC, WEST DIVISION STREET WCL CROSSING 690112B RR OPS/SAFETY/OCS/SIGNALS & GATES R/R - RAILROAD CONTRACT	443-22-024	2023519	RAIL HWY CROSS HAZARD ELM IIJA	3/23/2023	\$ 484,047	\$ 80,000	\$ 157,315	\$ (77,315)
C FOND DU LAC STREET LIGHTING C FDL, VARIOUS STREET LOCATIONS CONST/CRP/MISC MIS - MISCELLANEOUS NEGOTIATED CONTRACT	443-23-012	2023699	CARBON REDCN PRG 50K-200K IIJA	8/11/2023	\$ 187,525	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,020	\$ (20)
C FOND DU LAC, ROGERSVILLE ROAD W BRANCH FOND DU LAC RIVER BRIDGE DSGN/FULL PSE/BRRPL/P-20-0051 C/E - CONSULTANT DELIVERY (PRELIM OR CONST ENGINEERING	443-23-014	2024212	HWY INFRA BRDG REPL -2022 APPN	11/7/2023	\$ 154,160	\$ 154,000	\$ 123,328	\$ 30,672
C FOND DU LAC, CTH VV CTH V TO MARTIN AVENUE CONST OPS/RECST LET - CONTRACT VIA BID LETTING	443-20-020	2024231	STBG 50-200K POP IIJA	12/21/2023	\$ 4,063,884	\$ 1,186,000	\$ 1,185,640	\$ 360
V NORTH FOND DU LAC,MCKINLEY STREET MOSHER CREEK BRIDGE CONST OPS/BRRPL/B-20-0256 LET - CONTRACT VIA BID LETTING	443-20-018	2024233	HIP BRIDGE FORMULA PROGRAM	12/21/2023	\$ 991,149	\$ 316,000	\$ 740,421	\$ (424,421)
FY2024 WI MPO Urbanized Area Planning		2024310	SAFE ACC TRNS OPT METR PL IIJA	12/27/2023	\$ 2,674		\$ 2,674	\$ (2,674)
FY2024 WI MPO Urbanized Area Planning		2024310	METROPOLITAN PLANNING FAST	12/27/2023	\$ 166,127		\$ 132,902	\$ (132,902)
				Totals	\$ 6,811,395	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,159,995	\$ (659,995)

# **Major Categories in Charts**

Projects are funded through several different funding sources. The following charts show the percentage of total funding that each funding source makes up. Some of the categories are represented in multiple sections.

**STBG:** The Surface Transportation Block Grant program provides flexible funding that may be used by states and localities for projects to preserve and improve performance on any federal highway, bridge, or tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. ECWRPC has the ability to disperse funds through project prioritization criteria for different projects in this category.

HSIP: The Highway Safety Improvement Program is a core Federal aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improve safety with a focus on performance.

**NHPP: The National Highway Performance Program** provides support for the condition and performance of the national highway system for the construction of new facilities and to ensure that investments of federal aid funds in highway construction are directed to support progress toward the achievement of performance targets.

**CRP: The Carbon Reduction Program** provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions defined as CO2 emissions from on-road highway sources.

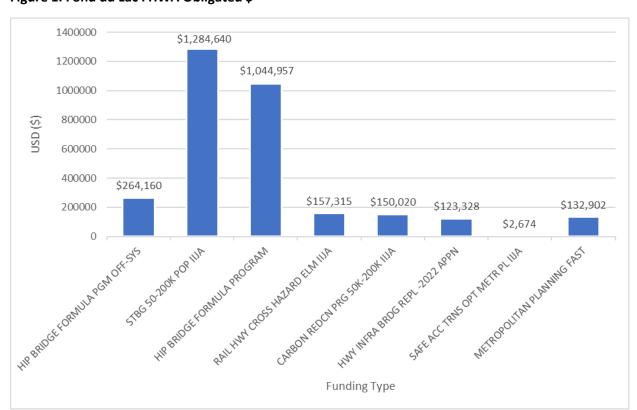


Figure 1. Fond du Lac FHWA Obligated \$

**Table 2. Fond du Lac Federal Transit Administration Projects** 

								Difference Between FFY
				Award		FFY 2023 Programmed		2023 Programmed and
<b>Project Name</b>	TIP Number	Project Number	Federal Award ID	Date	Total Eligible Project Cost (\$)	Funds (\$)	FFY 2023 Obligated Funds (\$)	Obligated Funds (\$)
Fond du Lac Area Transit 5307 Operating Assistance and ADA	443-23-007	GRANT CLOSED	WI-2023-013-01	2023-05-01	\$ 1,768,597	\$ 791,000	\$ 787,504	\$ 3,496
Fond du Lac Area Transit 5307 Operating Assistance 2023	443-23-002	WI-2023-046-01-01	WI-2023-046-01	2023-07-24	\$ 1,934,381	\$ 921,000	\$ 884,875	\$ 36,125
				Totals	\$ 3,702,978	\$ 1,712,000	\$ 1,672,379	\$ 39,621

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission staff noticed several discrepancies between the Transportation Improvement Plan and the Obligated Projects Report. ECWRPC notified Wisconsin Department of Transportation of these discrepancies. This led to the identification of procedural and structural issues which will require additional time to address. To comply with federal requirements on the report release timeline, which states that it must be posted within 90 days of the end of the preceding year, this obligated project report was created using the best available information at the time it was produced.