

**MEETING NOTICE  
FOND DU LAC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
POLICY BOARD**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Fond du Lac City/County Building Room A—160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Staff Update
4. Resolution 05-24: Approving the Adjusted 2020 Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization
5. Resolution 06-24: Amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Fond du Lac Urbanized Area
6. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 1, 2024
7. Adjourn

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**TO:** Fond du Lac MPO Policy Board  
**FROM:** Transportation Staff  
**DATE:** April 3, 2024  
**RE:** Staff Update

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### **Prioritization Process Pilot Program Discretionary Grant (PPPP)**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently publicized a Notice of Funding Opportunity for a new grant program, the Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP). Applications are due May 1st. The PPPP was authorized through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to provide funding to MPOs with a population over 200,000 or to states to develop and implement a publicly accessible, transparent prioritization process to guide project selection in the development of short-range and long-range transportation plans and the Transportation Improvement Program for the planning area. The goal is to create greater public involvement in the process of selecting transportation improvement projects.

ECWRPC is the designated Policy Board for the Appleton MPO, which has a population of over 200,000. Eligible applicants are able to have partner organizations included in the grant application process, including MPOs under 200,000.

The following list of potential projects and usage of PPPP funding is not final as ECWRPC staff continue to work to develop the application. However, the following opportunities through this funding program align well with several existing deliverables identified in the Transportation Work Program and Budget, including the following:

- Improvement and expansion of public engagement activities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Congestion Management Process, and future TIP, Surface Transportation Block Grant program funding, and project selection processes;
- Development of improved performance measures for the MTP;
- Improved integration and flow of project selection criteria and performance measures between the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and TIP; and
- Processes and purchasing of TIP software.

Funds from Federal fiscal years 2022-2024 are combined in the first application cycle; there is no required local match and projects can be federally funded up to 100% of the total project cost. The total funding available is \$30 million, with applicants limited to applying for a maximum of \$2 million.

The Appleton (Fox Cities) TMA meets the criteria to submit an application, and ECWRPC staff have been encouraged to apply by FHWA. ECWRPC anticipates to have the Oshkosh MPO and the Fond du Lac MPO listed as partners in this application. ECWRPC would need a letter of support, signed by the Policy Board Chair for the Fond du Lac MPO, included in the application package.

### **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

Staff continue to work on public engagement for the MTP. A draft survey has been shared with the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board members, along with a draft of the Community Engagement Approach. Feedback from committee members will be considered for final versions of the survey and the Community Engagement Approach. The survey will be shared on Social Pinpoint, and it is anticipated the Social Pinpoint site will be up and running the week of April 8, 2024.

**TO:** Fond du Lac MPO Policy Board

**FROM:** ECWRPC Transportation Staff

**DATE:** April 3, 2024

**RE:** Resolution 05-24: Approving the Adjusted 2020 Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Following the approval of the updated Urban Area Boundary (UAB) for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary must be adjusted. While the Urban Area Boundary (UAB) is reflective of the 10-year growth horizon for the MPO, the MPA typically extends beyond that to encompass the area of expected urbanization with a 20-year growth horizon. This MPA boundary must include the entire area designated by the adjusted UAB.

Unlike the process of updating the UAB, the MPO holds the right of final approval of the MPA, with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) taking an advisory role. For this reason, WisDOT does not provide criteria for consideration when creating changes to the MPA.

ECWRPC staff have developed a recommended MPA boundary for the Fond du Lac MPO to coincide with the adjusted UAB. This process has been expedited to coincide with the planning efforts of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (which will be renamed the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)) in accordance with 49 USC 5303(i) and 23 CFR 450.306. The updated MPA will be integral to the process of developing these planning documents.

Given that the criteria used by the US Census Bureau to create the Urban Areas resulted in few changes to the UAB, ECWRPC anticipates that the MPA would remain very similar to the previously established MPA. There are two notable changes. The first is the boundary at the Fond du Lac county line. Where the MPA boundary previously extended into Winnebago County, the constrictions of the urban boundary no longer justify the Fond du Lac MPA boundary extending into Winnebago County, except for a small portion on the northeast side of the boundary. This was intended to keep the Fond du Lac County portion of STH 45 in the planning area boundary. The second change is that the Village of Eden, which is no longer part of the Urban Area Boundary. With the distance from the Village to other urban areas and the lack of demonstrated future growth, the Village has been removed from the MPA boundary as well.

A map of the proposed MPA boundary can be found on the map labeled "Fond du Lac MPO 2020 Metropolitan Planning Area," which immediately follows this memo. The proposed MPA boundary adjustment is indicated by the gray line on the map.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of Resolution 05-24: Approving the Adjusted 2020 Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-24**

**APPROVING THE ADJUSTED 2020 METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY FOR THE FOND DU LAC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fond du Lac is designated as the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin for the purpose of carrying out cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing urban transportation planning in the Fond du Lac Urban Area, and;

**WHEREAS**, every ten years, the US Census Bureau defines the boundaries for geographic areas meeting the urban area criteria as published in the Federal Register, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration allows states to adjust the Census-defined urban area boundaries for planning and funding purposes, and;

**WHEREAS**, communities within the Fond du Lac MPO boundaries, the Fond du Lac MPO Technical Advisory Committee, and the Fond du Lac Policy Board have agreed upon the newly established urban area boundaries based on the 2020 US Decennial Census data, and;

**WHEREAS**, MPOs are required to adjust the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary based on the adjusted urban area boundary, and;

**WHEREAS**, the MPA boundary typically extends beyond the urban area boundary and reflects a 20-year growth horizon, and;

**WHEREAS**, East Central staff has worked with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Fond du Lac MPO communities to update the MPA boundary, and;

**WHEREAS**, communities within the Fond du Lac MPO boundaries have had the opportunity to provide feedback and comment on the updated MPA boundary, and;

**WHEREAS**, the official MPA boundary map will be attached to this resolution as an official record of acceptance, and;

**WHEREAS**, the MPA boundary has to be signed off by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary as the designee of the Governor;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOND DU LAC MPO**

**Section 1:** That the Fond du Lac MPO Policy Board approves the adjusted Metropolitan Planning Area boundary for the Fond du Lac MPO.

**Section 2:** That the Commission provides a copy of the adjusted Metropolitan Planning Area boundary to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for signature.

Effective Date: April 3, 2024  
Prepared For: Fond du Lac MPO Policy Board  
Prepared By: ECWRPC Transportation Planning Staff

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Dyann Benson, Chair Policy Board  
Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Org

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Attest: Melissa Kraemer Badtke – Exe Director  
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

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Date Approved

**TO:** Fond du Lac MPO Policy Board  
**FROM:** Casey Peters, GIS Analyst 1  
**DATE:** April 3, 2024  
**RE:** Resolution 06-24: Amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fond du Lac Urbanized Area

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Since the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fond du Lac Urbanized Area was adopted on October 4, 2023, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) has allocated additional Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urban (STBG-U) funding in the Fond du Lac MPO. The Pioneer Road project, previously awarded STBG-U funding, was selected to receive an additional \$1,784,153 in federal funds and expanded its scope, which requires a major TIP amendment. The total federal funding added to this project has been adjusted to \$4,845,000 to reflect the increase.

The project details are as follows:

- TIP Number 443-22-023: STBG – Pioneer Rd from Woodbind Park Rd to Park Ave

Please see the attached Transportation Improvement Program Table: Fond du Lac Urbanized Area – Programmed Projects Listing (2024-2027) in this meeting packet for additional project details.

This project was posted for public review for 15 days starting March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and ended April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. No public comment was received to date.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of Resolution 06-24: Amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Fond du Lac Urbanized Area.

**RESOLUTION 06-24**

**AMENDING THE 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FOND DU LAC URBANIZED AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fond du Lac area has been designated by the Governor as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and;

**WHEREAS**, the Fond du Lac MPO Policy Board, with representation from all jurisdictions within the Urbanized Area, has the responsibility to direct, coordinate, and administer the transportation planning process in the urbanized area, and;

**WHEREAS**, all transportation projects in the Fond du lac urbanized area which are to be implemented with federal funds must be included in the annual elements of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approved by the MPO as a prerequisite for funding approval, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Improvement Program was prepared to meet the requirements of Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST), and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) as prescribed by federal regulations, and;

**WHEREAS**, all projects that use federal funds must appear in an adopted Transportation Improvement Program, and;

**WHEREAS**, to accommodate the need for additional funding and an expansion in project scope, the Fond du Lac MPO has approved additional Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urban funds in the amount of \$1,784,153 to the existing Pioneer Road Project (TIP number 443-22-023), to be added to existing federal funds of \$3,060,444 which brings the total project amount to \$4,844,597 and;

**WHEREAS**, the MPO staff will prepare the appropriate documentation to meet federal and state requirements for any transportation projects appearing in the TIP, and;

**WHEREAS**, all required public participation procedures have been followed;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOND DU LAC MPO**

**Section 1:** That the Policy Board, as the designated MPO, amend the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Fond du Lac Urbanized Area to include the proposed projects.

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Prepared By: Casey Peters, ECWRPC GIS Analyst 1

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Dyann Benson, Chair, Policy Board  
Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Org

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Attest: Melissa Kraemer Badtke – Executive Director  
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