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Local Programs, Harbors, and Opportunities

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Today's Agenda



Local Programs Overview



Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program
and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)



WisDOT Transit, Rail and Harbor Opportunities



Port of Milwaukee

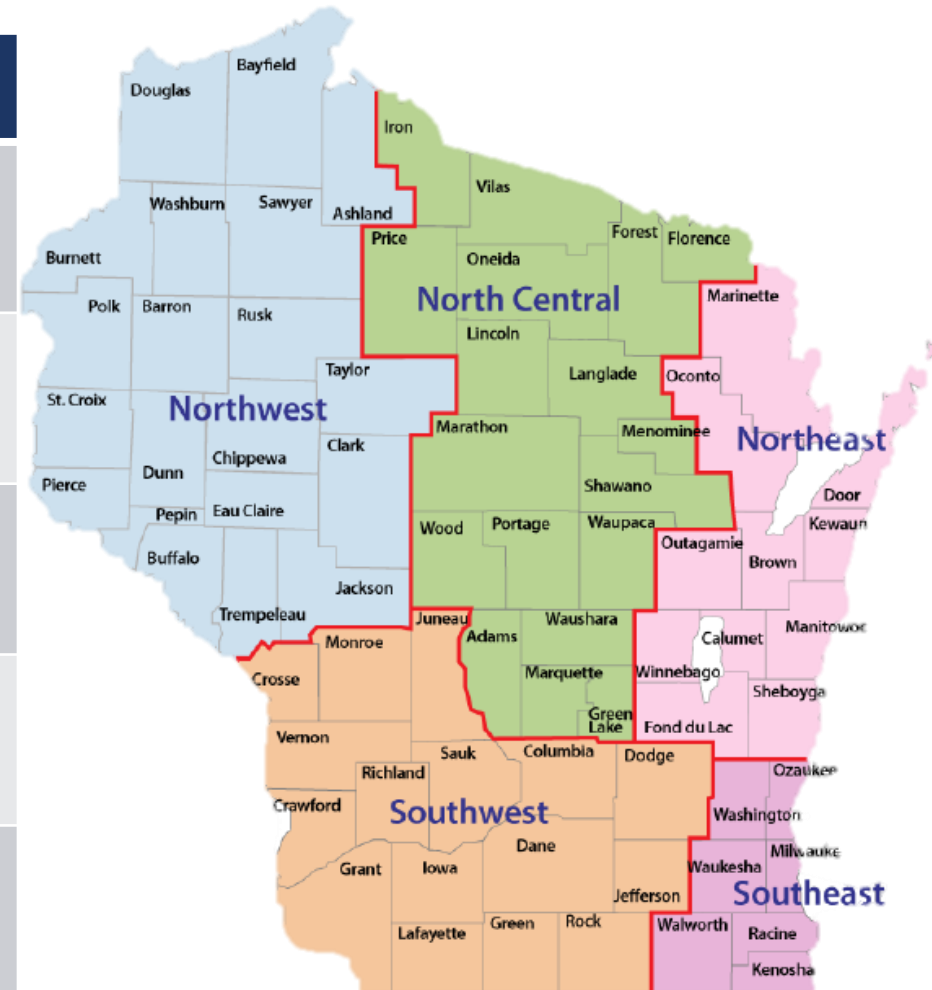
LOCAL PROGRAMS, HARBORS, AND OPPORTUNITIES



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WisDOT Local Programs & Finance

- Administer federal and state-funded transportation aids programs
- Accommodate local transportation needs and priorities
- Respond to legislative initiatives, inquiries, and mandates
- Develop fiscal mechanisms to ensure maximum funding allocation to the local transportation system
- Support and advance DBE goals in the delivery of all federally-funded Local Programs and related initiatives

What is the “BIL”?

- Signed on November 15, 2021, the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)** represents a significant increase of federal funding available for local programs in fiscal years 2022-2026.
- Local Programs with increased funding include:
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
 - Bridge Formula Program
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)



Investing in Local Governments – Local Roads & Bridges

- Projected spending on local projects, FY 2020 - 2026
 - \$1.65 billion
 - More than double previous level



“Legacy” Multi-Modal Programs

- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program**
 - Emphasis on emission reduction benefits
 - National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**
 - Focus on human powered, utilitarian trips
 - Emphasis on safety for non-drivers
 - Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
- Both TAP & CMAQ provide **reimbursement of up to 80%** of eligible project costs

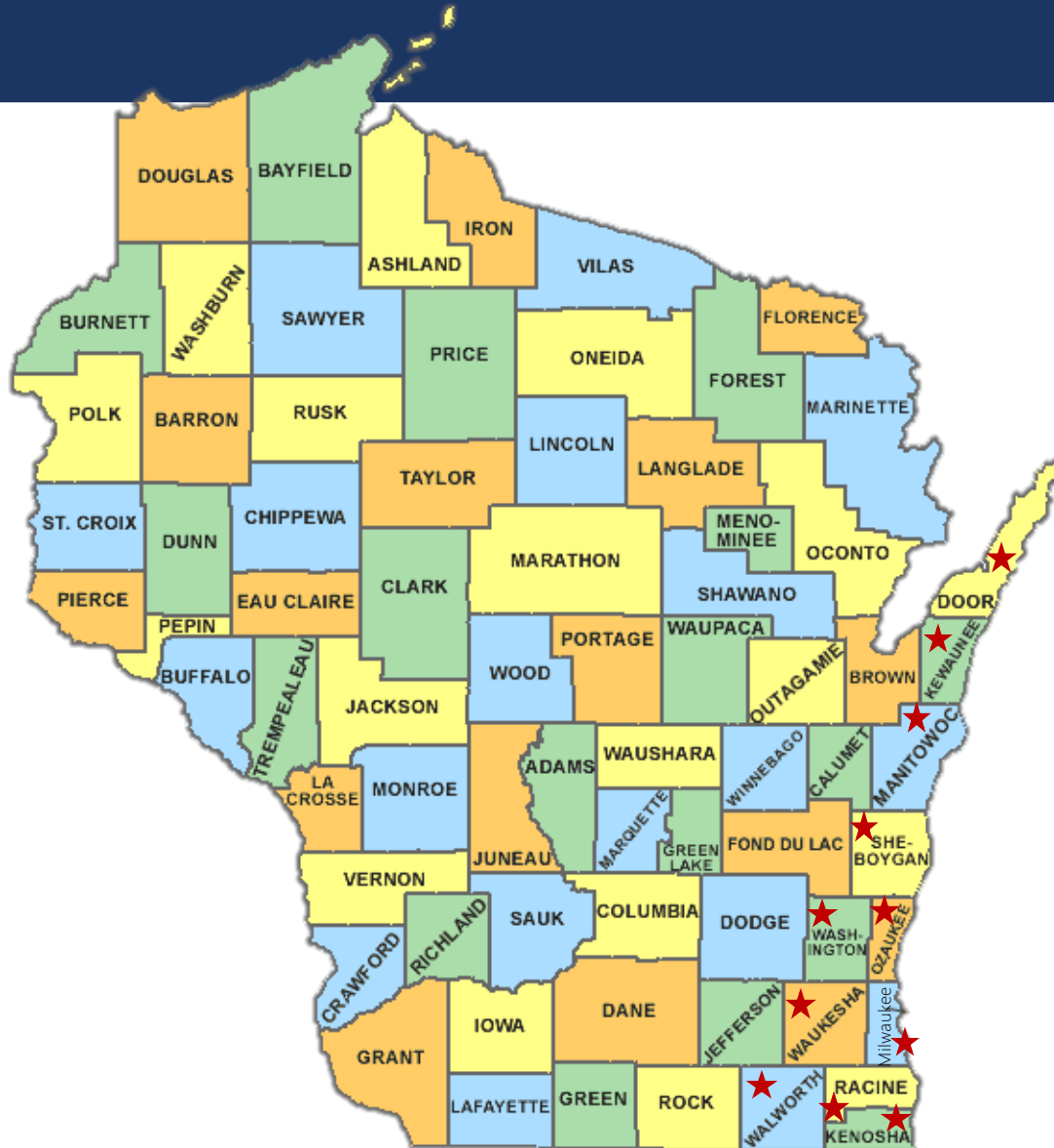
Sponsor Eligibility

- The following entities are eligible to receive federal TAP/CMAQ funding:
 - Local governments
 - Non-profit entities responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs
 - Regional transportation authorities
 - School districts, local education agencies, or schools
 - Natural resource or public land agencies
 - Tribal governments
 - Public transit agencies



Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

- Emphasis on funding projects with **emission reduction benefits**
 - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs
 - Congestion reduction and traffic flow improvements
- Limited to **non-attainment and maintenance areas**
- Selection based on emission reduction
 - PM2.5 (Particulate Matter <2.5 Micrometers)
 - VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds)
 - NOx (Nitrous Oxide)



CMAQ Eligible Counties

- Door
- Kewaunee
- Manitowoc
- Sheboygan
- Ozaukee
- Washington
- Milwaukee
- Waukesha
- Racine
- Walworth
- Kenosha

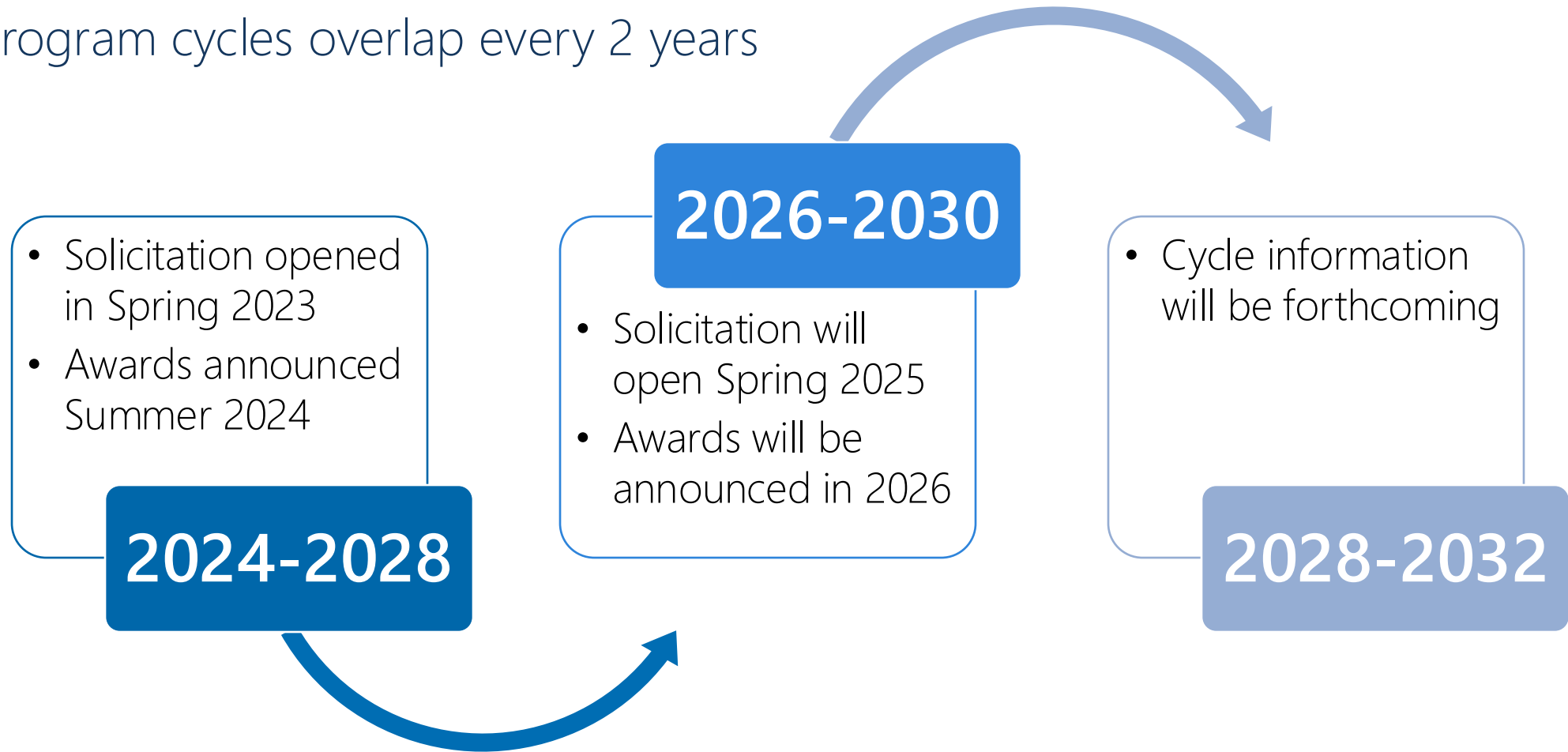
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- Emphasis on funding **human powered, daily utilitarian transportation** rather than purely recreational activities
- Selection based on **benefit, planning, utility, and safety**
- Commencement Requirement: Wis. Stats. § 85.021(2)(b)



Program Cycle & Funding

- Program cycles overlap every 2 years



Program Cycle & Funding

- Available cycle funds are based on previously scheduled projects
- Program funds are ratified in the Wisconsin State Biennial Budget



STARS Initiative

- **STARS**: Safe Transportation Alternatives for Rural Schools
- Limited to **rural communities** (e.g., applicants in population sub-group <5,000)
- Project proposals include **planning studies, engineering, Safe Routes to School programming**





TAPWeb Application


- **New!** Online platform for submission of applications
- Available for the 2026-2030 solicitation cycle
- Additional materials and user webinar will be forthcoming in calendar year 2025

TAP Web Portal Sign In

Sign In with WisDOT

OR

E-mail*

Password* 

[Need to Register?](#) [Reset Password](#)

Sign In

WisDOT Transit, Rail and Harbor Opportunities

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DBE Conference
Wisconsin Dells, WI

January 2025



Opportunities to Discuss Today

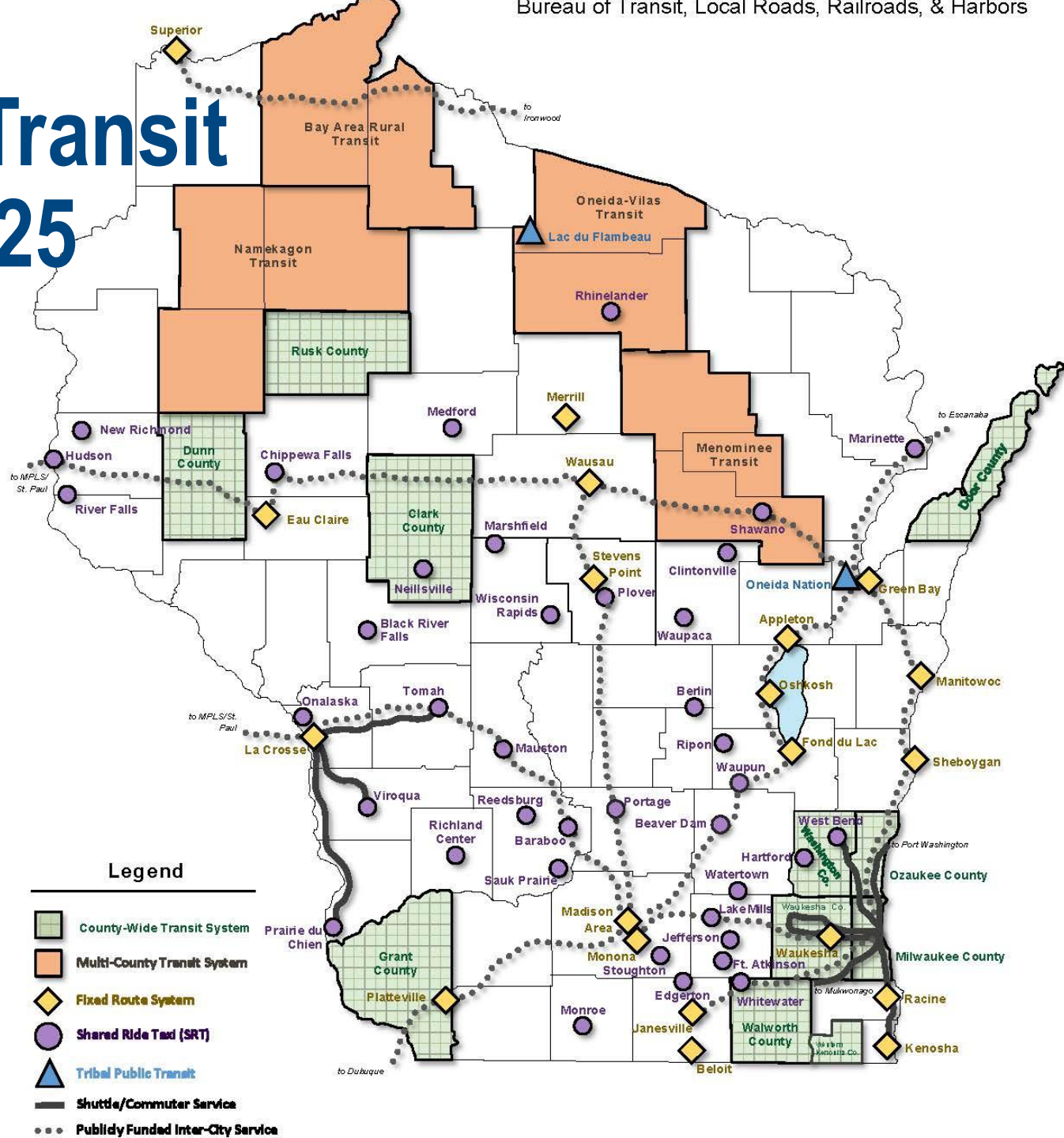
- Transit
- Passenger / Freight Rail
- Harbors



Transit



Wisconsin Transit Systems 2025



Transit Grant Assistance Programs

Federal & State Grant Programs

- Public Transit in rural areas (e.g., Shared Ride Taxi, rural bus, paratransit, voucher)
- Specialized Transit for elderly and individuals with disabilities

Eligible Applicants

- Local government agencies
- Private non-profit organizations
- All federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin
- Operators of public transportation

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit/default.aspx>

Transit Contractible Opportunities in 2025

Approximately **\$5 million** is anticipated to be awarded in 2025 by the WisDOT Transit Section and its rural subrecipients.

WisDOT's Transit DBE goal for FFY 2023-2025 is **1.61%**.

Contractible Opportunities

- Transportation Services (Statewide Rural Areas - SRTs, Vouchers) = \$3.3 million
- Consultant Services (Planning Studies, Federal Compliance Oversight) = \$750,000
- Marketing and Websites = \$200,000
- Office Supplies and Equipment (Office, Communication, Vehicle Equipment) = \$715,000

Passenger and Freight Rail



Hiawatha and Borealis State-supported Passenger Rail

Twin Cities

Red Wing

Winona

La Crosse

Tomah

Columbus

Wisconsin Dells

Airport

Milwaukee

Sturtevant

To
Chicago



WisDOT Sponsored Corridor Studies

Twin Cities

Eau Claire





Green Bay

La Crosse

Madison

Milwaukee

To
Chicago

-  **Hiawatha: Milwaukee to Chicago – Up to 10 Round Trips**
-  **Borealis: Twin Cities to Milwaukee to Chicago – 2nd Round Trip**
-  **Milwaukee – Madison – Eau Claire – Twin Cities**
-  **Milwaukee – Green Bay**

Interline Service
Bus Stop**

Twin Cities–Milwaukee–Chicago Construction (Borealis Route)

- CPKC bridge over Mississippi in early 2025
- Track and crossings in La Crosse and Winona
 - Currently in Final Design
 - Final PS&E – Spring 2025
 - Construction – Spring 2026
- \$56M estimated cost
 - \$31.8M FRA CRISI Grant
 - \$12.4M MnDOT
 - \$ 6.6M WisDOT
 - \$ 5.0M Amtrak



Muskego Yard

- Freight bypass of Milwaukee Intermodal Station (MIS) through **Muskego Yard**
 - New mainline freight through-tracks/bridge work
 - Adds capacity at MIS for passenger trains
 - Project required for increased frequencies
- Prelim. engineering/env. doc. complete
- Final Design 2025; Construction 2026-27
- \$92.8 M estimated project cost
 - \$72.8 M FRA CRISI Grant
 - \$13 M+ WisDOT
 - \$ 7 M Amtrak



Freight Rail Preservation Program (FRPP) & Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP)

FRPP is a **GRANT** Program

- Established in 1977, replaced 1992
- 130 grants awarded
- \$326 million in awards
- Purchase abandoned rail lines, preserve future rail service, rehabilitate railroad tracks / bridges

FRIIP is a **LOAN** Program

- Established in 1977, updated 1992
- 169 loans
- \$155 million in loans
- Connect industry to rail, safety improvements, rail line rehabilitation, develop economy, improve efficiency



Harbors



Wisconsin Great Lakes & Mississippi River Maritime Opportunities & Markets

- Mississippi River – Over 500 million short tons of imports*
- U.S. Great Lakes & St. Lawrence – 101 million tons**



*USACE 2019 imports, exports & domestic freight

**USACE 2022 waterborne cargo

Wisconsin Harbor Assistance Program (HAP)

“...provide necessary water access and to maintain or improve the economically effective commodity movement capabilities of Wisconsin’s harbors on the Great Lakes or the Mississippi River system.” – Wisconsin Administrative Code, Trans 28

- Established in 1979
- 162 grants awarded
- \$231 million in awards
- Dredging, dockwall repair, maintenance, new projects



HAP 2025 Awards/Cycle

Applicant	County	Water	Amount
Port of Green Bay	Brown	Lake Michigan	\$2,000,000
Hanke Terminals	La Crosse	Mississippi River	\$2,373,520
City of Manitowoc, City Centre, LLC	Manitowoc	Lake Michigan	\$1,863,824
Fincantieri Marinette Marine	Marinette	Lake Michigan	\$3,000,000
Town of La Pointe Harbor Commission	Bayfield	Lake Superior	\$808,000
			\$10,045,344

Yearly program cycle guided by:

- Wisconsin State Statute 85.095
- Wis. Admin. Code, Trans 28
- Eligibility for 29 Wisconsin ports



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New project – site development 2020 & 2021



Agricultural Maritime Export Facility Port Milwaukee & DeLong – 2021 and 2022



Handling Harbor Business

39th Annual DBE Workshop & Networking Summit
Jackie Q. Carter, Director of Port Milwaukee

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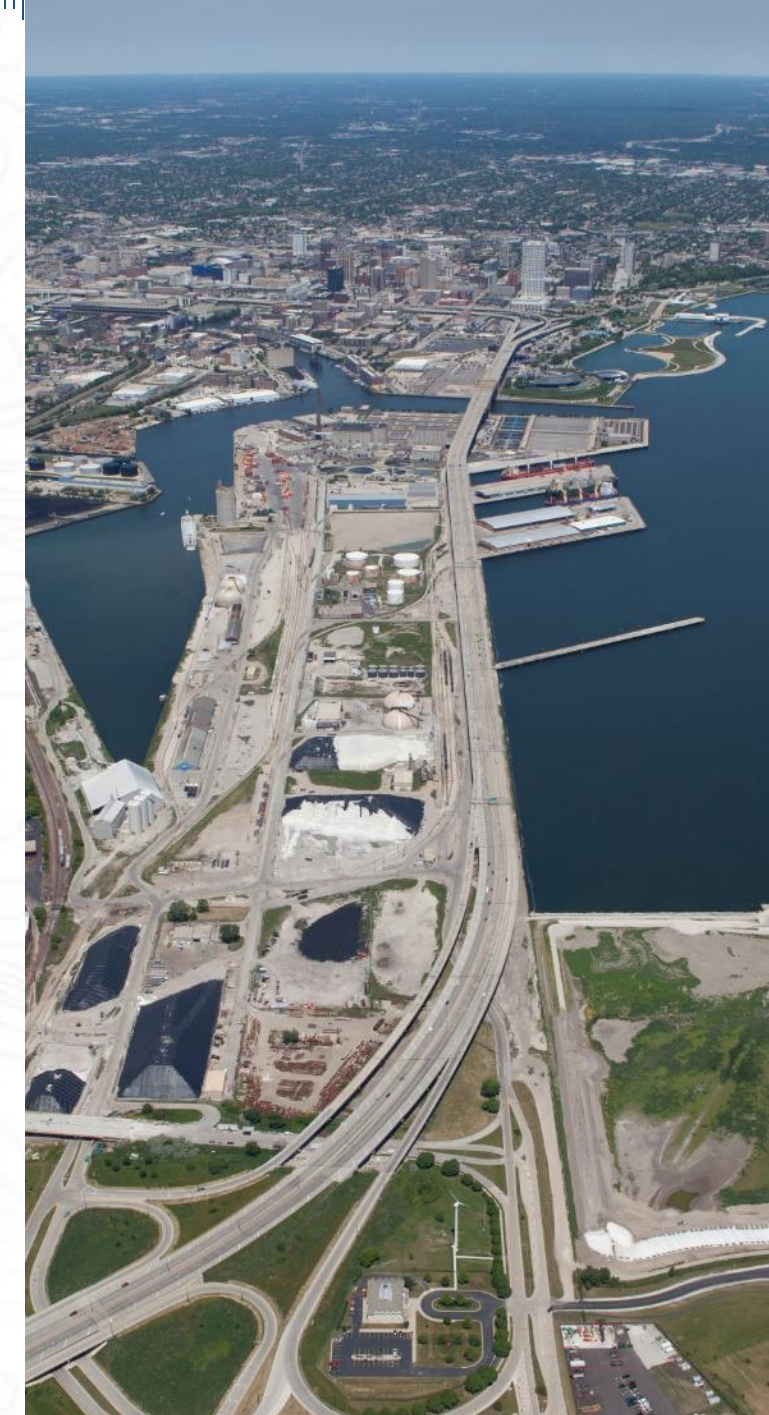
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Frequent Opportunities

- Equipment repair
- Rail rehab & maintenance
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Other...
- Equipment repair
- Security services
- Fencing
- Dockwalls
- Paving

Beyond Port Milwaukee

- Citywide/other department contracts
- Grant opportunities
- Port partners

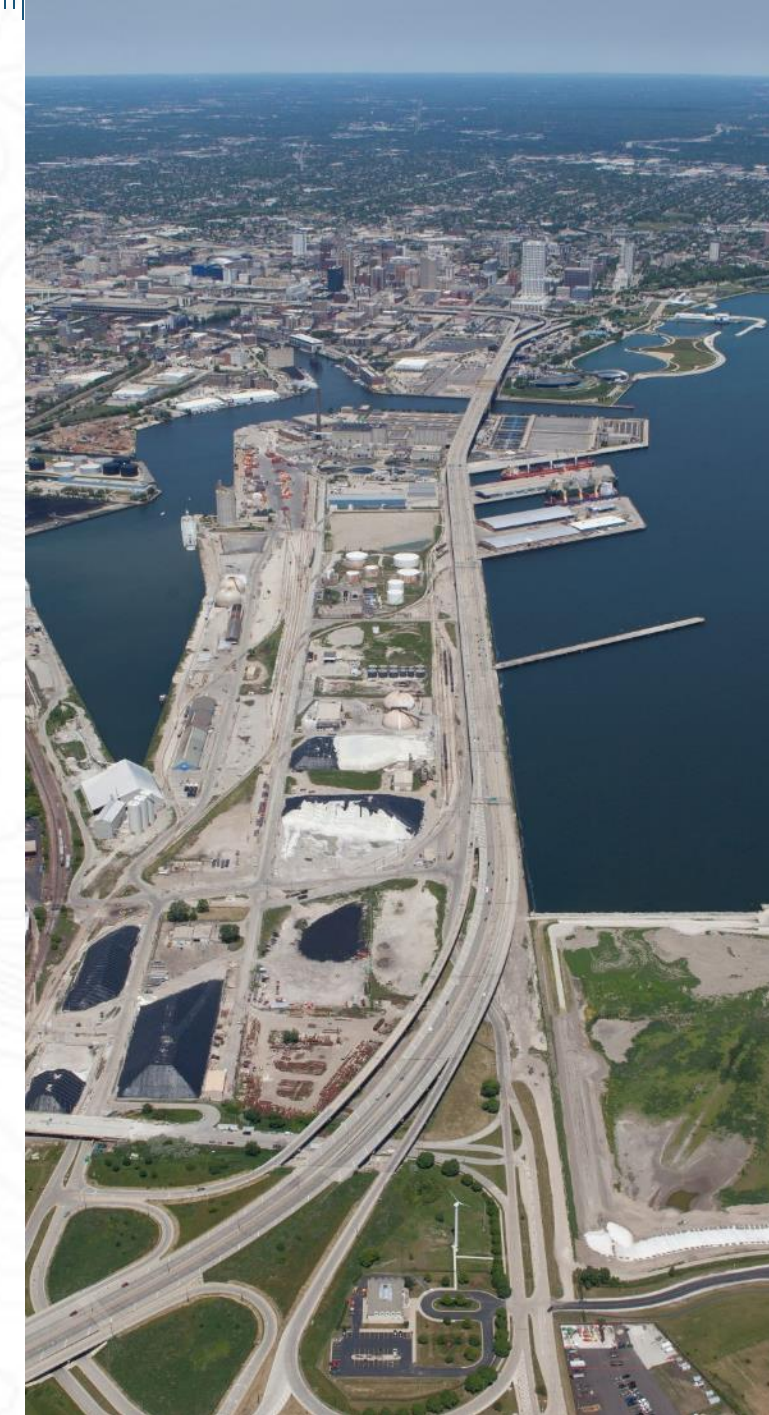


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Price Dictates the Process

Harbor Commission Contracting Authority

- \$25,000* or more - Formal Bids & Contracts
 - Advertised, sealed and opened publicly
 - Competitive
- \$10,001-\$25,000* - Informal Bid
 - No ads, seals or public opening required
- \$10,000 or less – Request for Pricing
 - Quotes solicited
- *City threshold - \$50,000

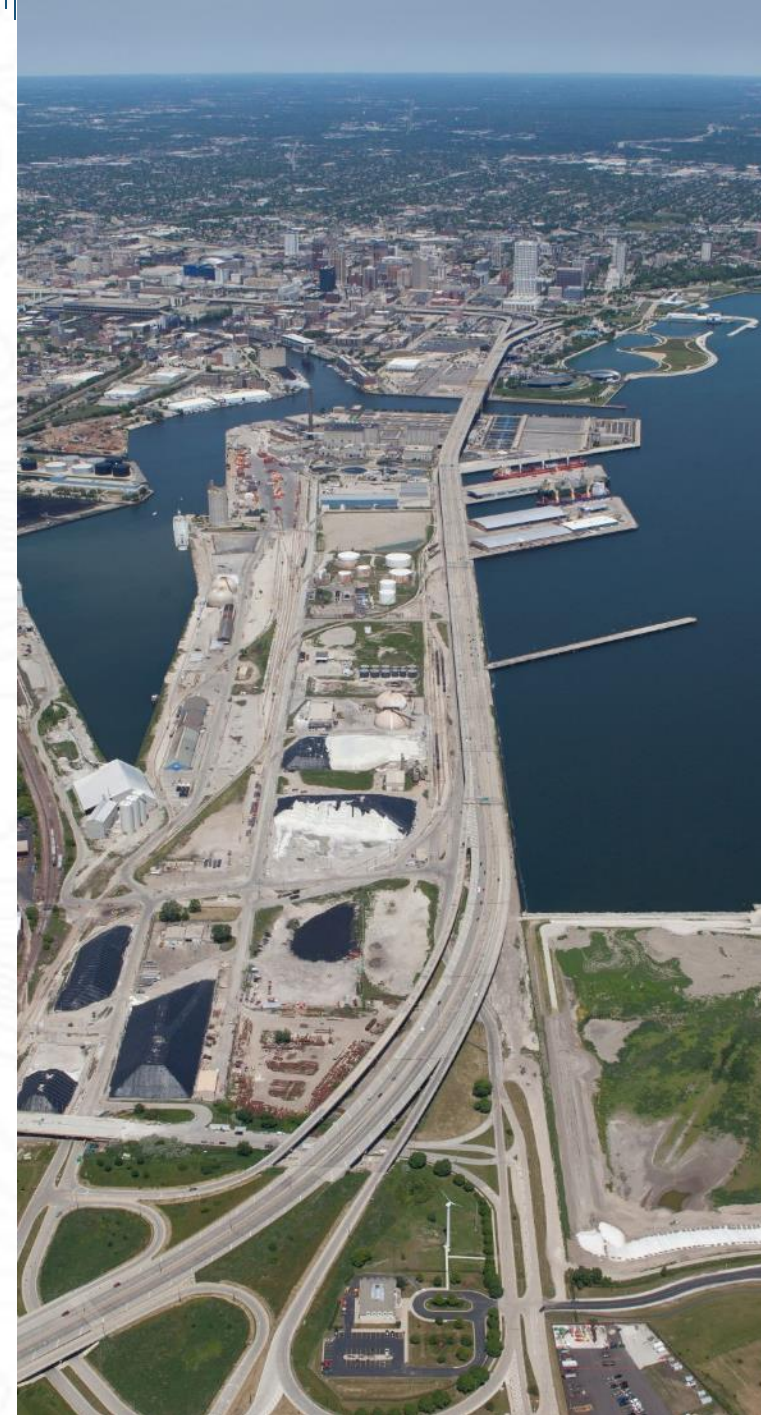


Handling Harbor Business

Participating In the Process

Ways to Participate

- Bid on contract opportunities
 - Serve as a subcontractor
- Submit contact information to Port@Milwaukee.gov
 - Use subject: Reference for Informal Quotes
- Become a certified small business enterprise (SBE) certified
 - City of Milwaukee – Small Business Development
- Review requirements EVERY time!
- Subscribe to E-Notify!



Competing for Harbor Business

City of Milwaukee Business Opportunities

City of Milwaukee Directory Residents Businesses News & Events [CLICK or CALL for Action](#)

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☑ Bid Notices - Commodities (from City of Milwaukee, County of Milwaukee, and Milwaukee Public Schools)

<input type="checkbox"/> Appliances and parts	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire and police equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Office supplies and equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic, Sports and PE Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel and Lubricants	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing equipment and supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic/sports PE equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> HVAC filters and equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> School supplies-arts & crafts
<input type="checkbox"/> Building materials and supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Hardware and tools	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer and water equipment and supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/> Janitorial supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Textbooks/Instructional Materials
<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom & Instructional Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic control equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Library books	<input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms and apparel
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer hardware and software	<input type="checkbox"/> Light poles and fixtures	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles and heavy equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Copiers and supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical and safety supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Other commodities
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical supplies		

☑ Bid Notices - Construction (from City of Milwaukee, County of Milwaukee, and Milwaukee Public Schools)

<input type="checkbox"/> Building maintenance repairs	<input type="checkbox"/> DDW Recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> General construction
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☑ Bid Notices - Services (from City of Milwaukee, County of Milwaukee, and Milwaukee Public Schools)

<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial services	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial services	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing maintenance services
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