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Current federal legislation requires the Governor to ensure that WisDOT and the MPOs develop plans to actively involve the public in the development of the STIP. WisDOT uses an ongoing STIP public involvement plan that includes:

- 30-day written comment period on the STIP (yearly)
- State Trunk Highway System project development and Six-Year Highway Program hearings (ongoing)
- MPO public hearings on TIPs (yearly)
- Local government hearings on transit projects for smaller systems (ongoing)
- Local government hearings on local road projects (ongoing)

The focus of this plan is on maximizing public involvement at the state, MPO, and local levels—on an ongoing basis—when initial project decisions are presented and made. WisDOT published its first STIP Public Involvement Plan in November of 1993. The STIP Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which was updated in November 2016, continues to focus on the public involvement processes used on various types of transportation projects. The 2016 update of the STIP PIP includes public involvement aspects of new legislation; Public Law 112 – 141 *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* along with Public Law 114 – 357 *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST)*. In April 2021, the STIP PIP was incorporated into WisDOT’s Coordination Document and is available at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/local-plning-orgs/coordination.pdf#page=20>.

Although the STIP Public Involvement Plan does not require any public hearings, WisDOT may agree to have a public hearing if one is requested. The STIP Public Involvement Plan will continue to rely on written comments from the public regarding the draft STIP.

The legal notice advertising the draft STIP was published on November 2, 2021. A copy of the notice is presented below.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation announces the availability of its draft multimodal 2022-2025 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft STIP is available from the State Transportation Improvement Program website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/stip.aspx>. The comprehensive improvement program includes all federally funded highway, transit, bike and pedestrian projects to be undertaken in Wisconsin during the 2022-2025 timeframe. The draft STIP is subject to a 30-day public comment period. The final STIP will be issued in January 2022. Inquiries about the draft STIP and written comments on the improvement program should be directed, before December 2, 2021, to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s Division of Transportation Investment Management, Bureau of Planning and Economic Development, P.O. Box 7913, Madison, WI 53707-7913; comments by phone at 608-266-3662 or comments by email at bop.dtim@dot.wi.gov.