



Wisconsin Department of Transportation Policy Research Program

REVISED (4/4/2024): Request for Proposal

Driver to Non-Driver Transitions: License Renewal Requirements and Related Health, Mobility, and Safety Outcomes

Description of 4/4/2024 revisions: *The RFP maintains its focus on license renewal requirements and impacts for individuals who have become a non-driver, but no longer focuses on additional license renewal requirements.*

Project Duration: 12 months, starting August 2024

Project Budget Limit: \$120,000

Questions submitted to research@dot.wi.gov regarding the content of this Request for Proposal are due no later than 04:30 PM (CST) on April 11, 2024

Responses to questions will be posted to the WisDOT Research and Library website <https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/research/researchers.aspx> by 04:30 PM (CST) on April 25, 2024

Proposal Deadline

Proposers must submit a PDF version of their proposal no later than 4:30 PM (CST) on May 9, 2024, to research@dot.wi.gov.

I. Definitions

The following definitions are used throughout the RFP:

- WisDOT - Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- POC – Project Oversight Committee
- RFP – Request for Proposal
- Proposer - A company or individual submitting a proposal in response to this RFP
- Researcher - The party (from the field of proposers) who is awarded the contract

II. Overview

This project involves analyzing driver licensure policies for drivers in Wisconsin and nationally and the policies' effects on traffic safety outcomes. The project will analyze health, quality of life and mobility outcomes for drivers affected by licensure renewal policies and/or medical issues.

The department is seeking researcher proposals that would analyze the safety, mobility, and quality of life outcomes for those who have suddenly or gradually become non-drivers due to not having met driver license renewal requirements and standards. Analysis should focus on non-drivers of all ages and demographics, with particular emphasis on adults aging in place.

Once the analyses are conducted and complete, the researchers will report findings and provide recommendations for policies that lead to improved outcomes—namely increases in mobility and safety benefits for the entire state. Recommendations will help WisDOT understand how to best offset impacts to mobility for individuals suddenly or gradually transitioning from being drivers to non-drivers.

III. Objectives

1. The department is seeking researcher proposals that would analyze the safety, mobility, and health outcomes of the general populace and specifically older drivers when experiencing factors that lead to becoming a non-driver.
2. The department is seeking an analysis of Wisconsin's current policies, and recommendations for beneficial policies that Wisconsin could implement based on the analysis, regarding drivers who have transitioned from being drivers to non-drivers and effects associated with the recommended policies.
3. After a literature review is conducted, the researcher is expected to analyze national and regional license renewal policies and the policies' effects on traffic safety outcomes, as well as health and mobility outcomes for those affected by driver license renewal policies and who have become non-drivers.
4. Once the analyses are conducted, the researcher will report findings and offer recommendations for which studied policies would lead to the most beneficial health and quality of life outcomes and mobility impacts, including any correlation to increased traffic safety and decreases in personal injury, specifically pertaining to Wisconsin's demographics and transportation network, to aid policy decision making.

IV. Scope of work

While the full research approach will be negotiated with the selected researcher, the WisDOT project managers, the Project Oversight Committee (POC) and the Policy Research Program, proposers should base their submissions on the following general tasks:

Task 1 – Review Literature

In this task, the researcher will review and analyze the driver license renewal policies, studies, crash rates, and other relevant data at the regional, state and national level pertaining to impacts on driver status, mobility, health, safety and quality of life outcomes. The review will focus on policies for drivers that must meet renewal requirements based on age or health conditions.

The researcher will review literature on the health, safety, mobility and quality of life outcomes for citizens, including non-drivers, affected by driver license renewal policies.

Under this task, the researcher will review relevant and similar data collection efforts conducted by other states, especially state DOTs, NHTSA, U.S. Department of Transportation, and other transportation-related agencies for data to use during the review under Task 3.

Task 2 – Collect Data – issues that develop as a result of the loss of a license.

In this task, the researcher will perform data collection pertaining to the impacts to health, safety (e.g. crash rates), mobility and quality of life outcomes when drivers transition to non-driver status, including mobility outcomes for citizens affected by driver license renewal policies.

Task 3 – Conduct Analysis of Outcomes

The data collected in Tasks 1 & 2 will be analyzed and compared with states that have different driver license renewal requirements. The researcher will analyze driver license renewal policies for State consideration along with an analysis of anticipated outcomes and their associated effects.

Task 4 – Report Findings and Wisconsin Policy Recommendations

The researchers will report findings and offer recommendations for which studied policies would lead to the most beneficial outcomes (increased safety, least severe health and mobility effects for older drivers, and improved quality of life) specifically pertaining to Wisconsin’s demographics and transportation network. Specifically, recommendations will help WisDOT understand potential effects of safety outcomes and how to best offset impacts to mobility for individuals suddenly or gradually transitioning from being drivers to non-drivers.

V. Proposal requirements

The proposer should list any relevant experience and qualifications for the principal investigator(s) and all other key project team members, including subcontractors, with a focus on how the experience and qualifications relate to the project.

VI. Deliverables and review points

Although final details will be negotiated between the department and the selected contractor, any proposals should at a minimum account for these deliverables and points of review. Proposals should identify likely methods (meetings, conference calls) needed for these steps.

VII. Schedule and budget

Project duration – The contract shall be effective on the date indicated and shall continue for twelve (12) months from that date. Proposers should include a detailed schedule showing the placement of the tasks, meetings and expected review periods. Based on the date of this request for proposal, WisDOT expects that the start date of this contract to be effective on or after August 2, 2024.

Project budget – Proposals cannot exceed **\$120,000**. Any proposal that exceeds this amount will be considered non-responsive to the RFP requirements and will not be accepted. All proposed budgets should detail the activities of research personnel as well as other direct cost factors (e.g., survey mailing costs).

VIII. Proposal submission deadlines and guidelines

The issue date for this RFP is March 27, 2024. The RFP was revised on April 4, 2024. Proposers may direct any questions, noted errors, discrepancies, ambiguities or deficiencies concerning this proposal via e-mail to research@dot.wi.gov by 4:30 PM Central time on April 11, 2024. WisDOT will collectively post all questions and answers to <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/research/researchers.aspx> by 4:30 PM Central time on April 25, 2024. Proposers must direct questions, etc. about this RFP only to this designated e-mail and not to any other staff or agent of WisDOT.

Proposal Preparation Guidelines can be found at the Proposal Preparation Guidelines at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/research/researchers.aspx> For more information regarding this RFP, contact the WisDOT Research & Library Services Unit at research@dot.wi.gov.

Proposers must submit an electronic version of a proposal (Adobe PDF preferred) by 4:30 PM Central time on May 9, 2024 via e-mail to research@dot.wi.gov. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for evaluation. Proposers will be notified no later than June 28, 2024.