

Meeting of the
Greater Madison MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) Policy Board

March 4, 2026

[Virtual Meeting via Zoom](#)

6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- 1) Roll call and introductions
- 2) Approval of February 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- 3) Communications – none
- 4) Public Comment for Items *Not* on the Agenda
- 5) Presentation: DRAFT Active Transportation Plan [30 minutes]

- 6) Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill and the BASICS (Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act [5 minutes]
- 7) Announcements and Staff Reports – e-TIP training coming soon, e-bike/e-moto guide still in process, and RTP survey coming in May.
- 8) Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday April 1st, 2026, Virtual

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**Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
February 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Meeting hosted via [Zoom](#)

Wood called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Members present: Clement Abongwa, Richelle Andrae, Liz Callin, John Duncan, Michelle Elias, Derek Field, MGR Govindarajan, Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Bill Jetzer, Adrienne Nienow, Christof Spieler, Kristi Williams, Doug Wood

Members absent/excused: None.

MPO staff present: Alex Andros, Ben Lyman

Others present in an official capacity: Forbes McIntosh, Charles Peters, Mike Ridgeman (Bike Fed), Monica Strathman

2. Approval of December 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Action: Abongwa moved, Jetzer seconded, to approve the December 3, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Communications

a. **Numerous messages regarding the WisDOT Beltline PEL study**

4. Public Comment (for items *not* on MPO Agenda)

None.

5. Public Hearing on Amendment to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

- b. Metro Transit's Section 5339(c) Low-No Emission grant (New)
- c. WisDOT's Interstate 39/90/94 (Beltline Highway to North County Line) Reconstruction & Capacity Expansion Project (Revise funding and schedule)
- d. WisDOT's USH 18/151 (West County Line to CTH PD) Corridor Study (Revise funding and schedule)

There were no public comments on these projects.

6. MPO 2026 Resolution No. 1 Approving Amendment No. 14 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County

a. Addition of Annual Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Performance Measure Targets and Annual Transit Asset Management Plan Targets to Attachment E of the 2025-2029 TIP

Lyman stated that the Policy Board adopted the Annual Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Performance Measure Targets and Annual Transit Asset Management Plan Targets at their November 2025 meeting; however, staff later learned that this did not sufficiently incorporate these performance measure targets into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This TIP amendment updates Attachment E of the 2025-2029 TIP to reflect the updated performance measure targets as required. Lyman noted that since the targets were adopted already, this amendment could have been processed as an administrative

modification; however, given that a TIP amendment was required for other projects, it is easier to process this modification as an amendment than through a separate process.

Action: Williams moved, Jetzer seconded, to approve MPO 2026 Resolution No. 1 Approving Amendment No. 14 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County. Motion carried.

7. MPO 2026 Resolution No. 2 Approving Amendment No. 15 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County

Transit Projects:

- a. Metro Transit's Section 5339(c) Low-No Emission grant (New, Implementation in 2026)

Ped/Bike Projects:

- b. City of Madison's Capital City Trail (Buckeye Extension) Segments 5 and 6 (Revise schedule, project limits, and local funding)

Discretionary Program (FHWA Administered) Projects:

- c. City of Sun Prairie's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant for Supplemental Vision Zero Planning and Demonstration Activities (New, Implementation starting in 2026)

Lyman provided a brief description of each project, including that the Metro project will purchase hybrid diesel-electric forty-foot buses; the Capital City Trail project will be let by the state with Dane County's adjacent portion of the project to improve efficiency and reduce cost, and that the western end of the project will be extended from Wagon Trail to Vondron Road to eliminate the new railroad crossing; and, that Sun Prairie successfully applied for discretionary funding which needs to be in the TIP for them to finalize their grant agreement.

Action: Spieler moved, Williams seconded, to approve MPO 2026 Resolution No. 2 Approving Amendment No. 15 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County. Motion carried.

8. MPO 2026 Resolution No. 3 Approving Amendment No. 16 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County

WisDOT Projects:

- a. Beltline Highway (USH 12/14/18/151) Seminole Highway to I-39/90 Resurfacing (New Illustrative Project, Construction in 2033)
- b. Interstate 39/90 (USH 12/18 to Siggelkow Road) Resurfacing (New Illustrative Project, Construction in 2033)
- c. USH 14 (CTH KP/Market Street in Cross Plains to CTH KP in Mazomanie) Resurfacing (New, Construction in 2033)
- d. USH 18/151 (Beltline Highway to Fitchrona Road) Resurfacing (New Illustrative Project, Construction in 2033)

Andros presented the proposed projects. Jetzer inquired about the timeframe between the last resurfacing and the proposed resurfacing. Ellias explained that projects are scheduled to ensure that the roadway surface of major roadways is maintained to a higher standard, and this mill and overlay would be a shallower project than the last mill and overlay was in order to maintain the asset. She also noted that there is a statutory requirement for the department to have 30% of advanceable projects ready at least one year before they are scheduled.

Action: Abongwa moved, Jetzer seconded, to approve MPO 2026 Resolution No. 3 Approving Amendment

No. 16 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County. Motion carried.

9. **MPO 2026 Resolution No. 4 Approving Amendment No. 17 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County**

- a. WisDOT's USH 18/151 (West County Line to CTH PD) Corridor Study (Revise funding and schedule)

Andros noted that this amendment corrects funding and timing errors in the project listing that was adopted in November 2025.

Action: Williams moved, Field seconded, to approve MPO 2026 Resolution No. 4 Approving Amendment No. 17 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County. Motion carried.

10. **MPO 2026 Resolution No. 5 Approving Amendment No. 18 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County**

- a. WisDOT's Interstate 39/90/94 (Beltline Highway to North County Line) Reconstruction & Capacity Expansion Project (Revise funding and schedule)

Andros explained that although the cover sheet for this item states that staff recommend denial of this amendment, new information came to light after the meeting packet had been published which allowed staff to recommend approval. The initial concern was that by removing all federal funding from the project, there would be no opportunity for a portion of the local project share to be offset by federal funding; however, the project funding involved in the TIP amendment was for design and right-of-way only, not for construction, and federal funding is never used for design or right-of-way by WisDOT. Construction has not been scheduled and funding is not yet programmed.

Ellias and Spieler described their respective agencies' perspective and concurred that not using federal funds for right-of-way or design is standard practice and that there will be opportunities for local governments to negotiate with WisDOT regarding the allocation of federal construction funds when that time comes. Jetzer asked for clarification that generally, WisDOT can be expected to fund design and right-of-way acquisition with state funds and only use federal funds for construction. Ellias confirmed that this is generally the case for large projects, although there could be smaller projects where this is not correct.

Action: Williams moved, Andrae seconded, to approve MPO 2026 Resolution No. 5 Approving Amendment No. 18 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County. Motion carried.

11. **Greater Madison MPO Municipal guidance on e-bike, e-moto, and other e-micromobility device regulation (for discussion only)**

Lyman explained that staff of area communities had expressed interest in the MPO developing guidance for municipalities seeking to regulate e-micromobility devices, and that staff had developed draft guidance in coordination with City of Madison staff and members of a state-wide ad-hoc working group composed of staff from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, City of Sun Prairie, UW-Madison TOPS Lab, SRF Consulting, and the Wisconsin Bike Fed. The MPO's Technical Coordinating Committee discussed

the draft guidance at their January 2026 meeting and requested that they be provided another month to review the guidance before taking action at their February meeting. Staff anticipate that the draft guidance will need to be revised and that it will be back for Policy Board consideration in a few months, and at this point it is just an informational item for consideration.

Jetzer stated that he had several comments and thoughts about the draft guidance; Lyman encouraged him to provide those to him directly for consideration and inclusion in a revised draft.

Ridgeman stated that the Bike Fed appreciates that the MPO is preparing this guidance document, and that the Bike Fed is happy to offer assistance and support for this work.

Wood asked if this is an issue that is coming up at the level of city councils or village boards in our area, as it has not come up in Monona. Lyman stated that there are some communities in our area that are beginning to consider how to address this issue. Jetzer expressed that it will be helpful for Fitchburg to have this guidance available.

12. **Announcement and Staff Reports**

Andros reported that the MPO completed its USDOT recertification review and was approved for recertification.

MPO staff have begun working on updating the Regional Transportation Plan.

13. **Adjournment**

Abongwa moved to adjourn, Jetzer seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2026, virtual

MPO Agenda Cover Sheet
March 4, 2026

Item No. 5

Re:

Presentation: DRAFT Active Transportation Plan for Dane County

Staff Comments on Item:

The Active Transportation Plan for Dane County is built upon and will replace the *Bicycle Transportation Plan for the Madison Metropolitan Plan & Dane County* adopted in 2015. The ATP expands beyond the bike network and includes pedestrian travel.

The DRAFT *Active Transportation Plan for Dane County* is available in both Word doc format and Adobe pdf format on our [website](#).

The 30-day review period for the draft plan began on Friday February 20th. The 30-day period ends on March 22nd.

A presentation of the draft plan was given to the mpo Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) at their meeting on February 25, 2026.

Materials Presented on Item:

- 1) Slide presentation

Staff Recommendation/Rationale:

Information purposes only.



Draft Active Transportation Plan for Dane County

Draft Active Transportation Plan for Dane County

Key Planning Topics

- Current Conditions and Trends
- Gap and Barrier Analysis
- Recommendations
- Measuring Performance

New Considerations

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans
- New PROWAG Accessibility Requirements
- New and Emerging Technologies

New Format

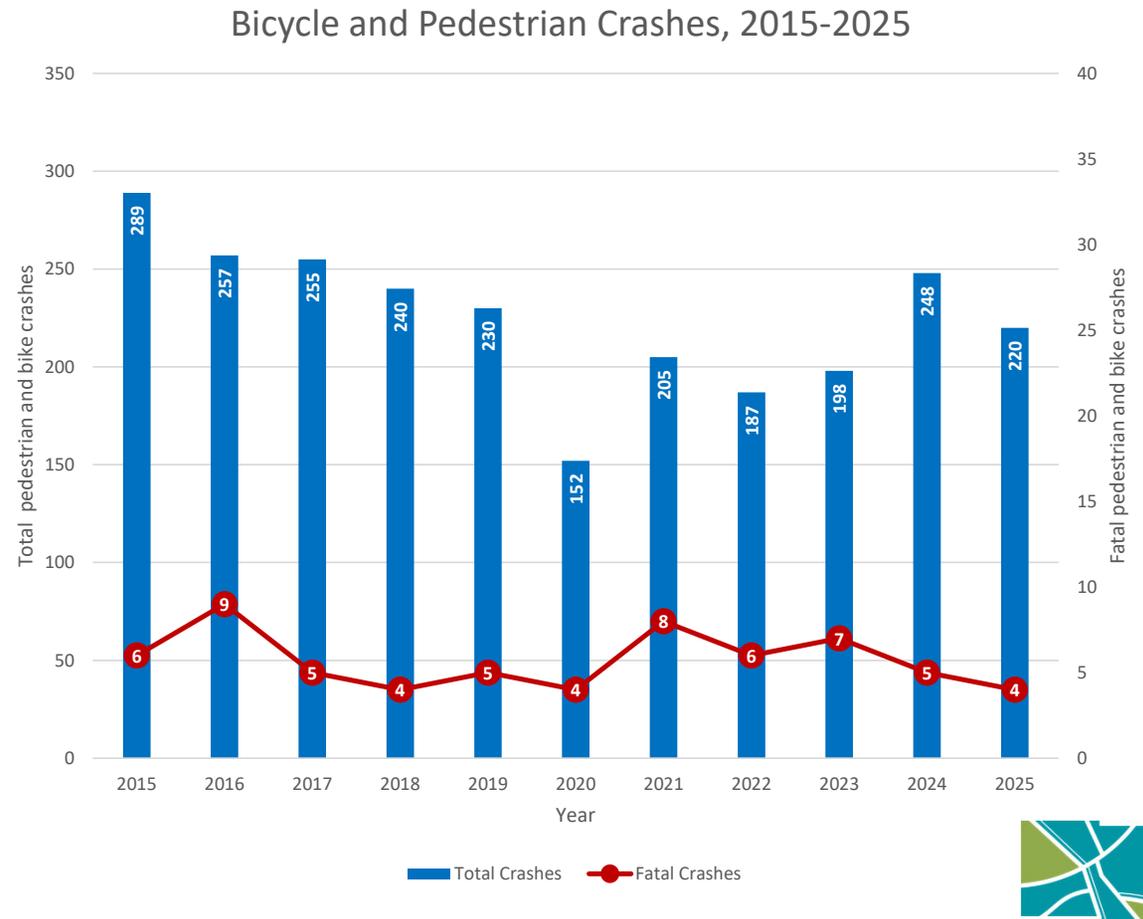
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Current Conditions and Trends

Safety

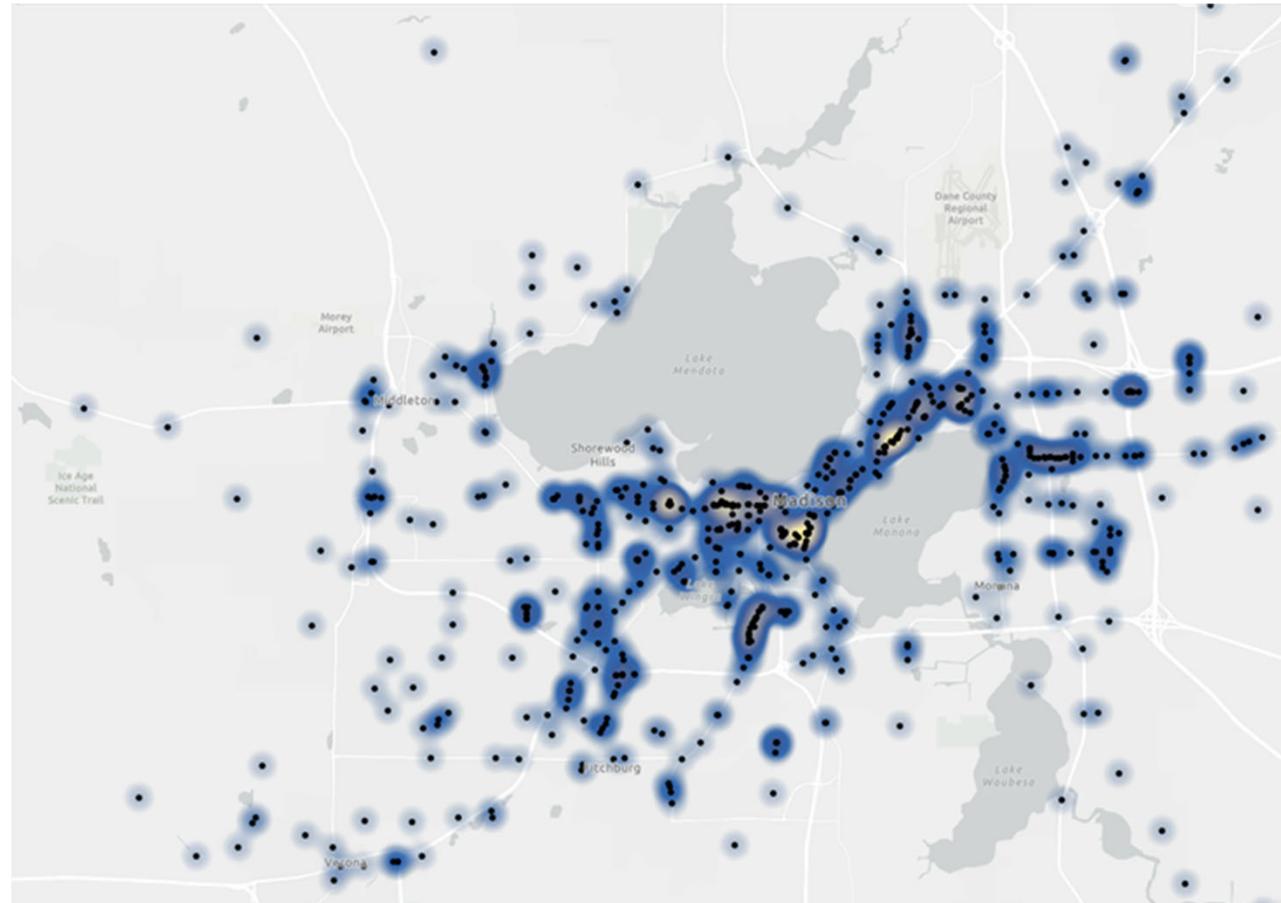
- Crashes involving vulnerable users have generally declined since 2015.
- Fatal crashes have remained relatively stable over the last decade.



Current Conditions and Trends

Safety

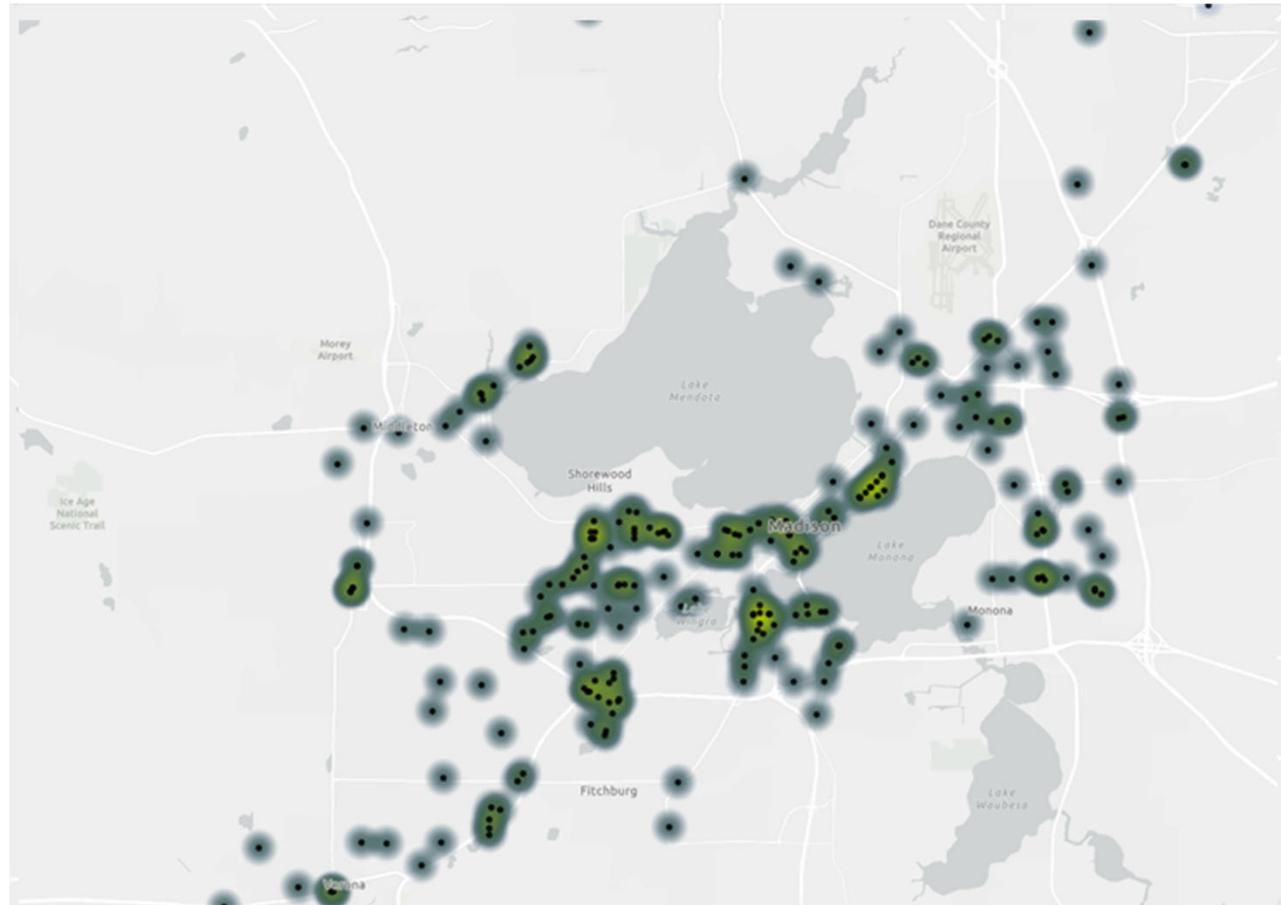
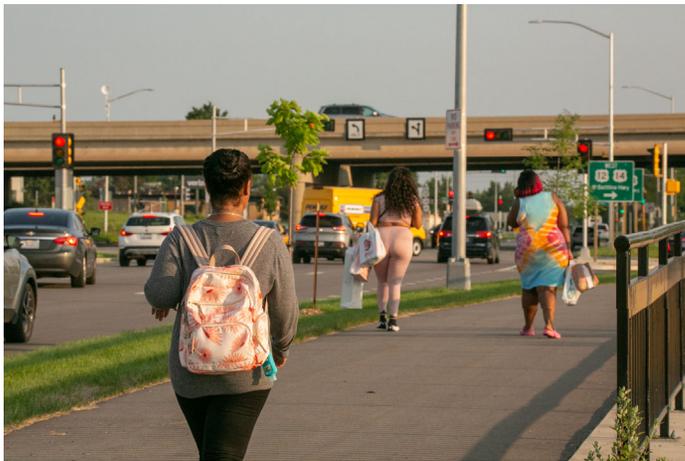
Safety-related bicycle comments on the ATP comment map.



Current Conditions and Trends

Safety

Safety-related pedestrian comments on the ATP comment map.



Current Conditions and Trends

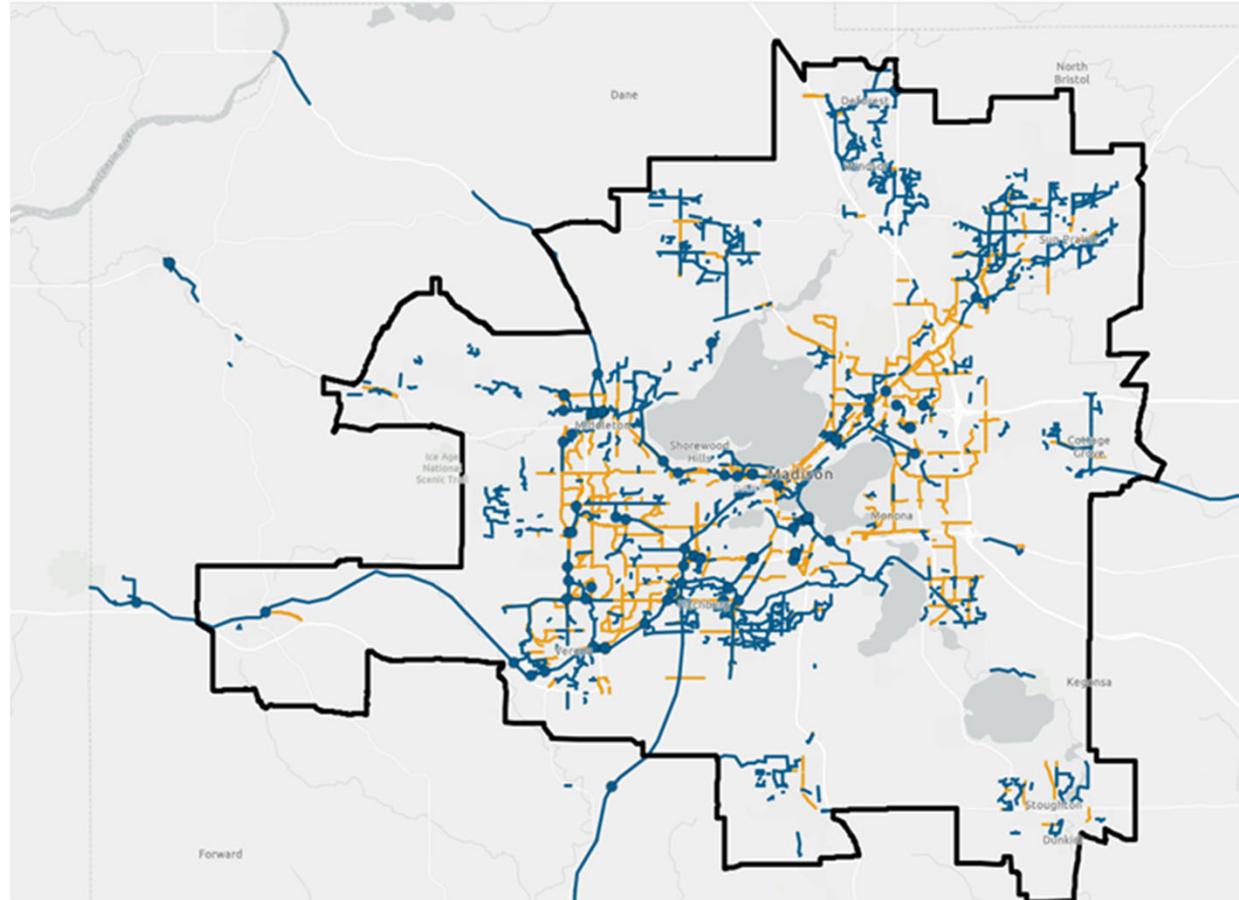
Existing Bicycle Network

The Greater Madison Area bike network has continued to expand since the 2015 Bike Plan.

Total on- and off-street bike facility mileage has increased 57% since 2015.

2015: 457 miles

2025: 718 miles

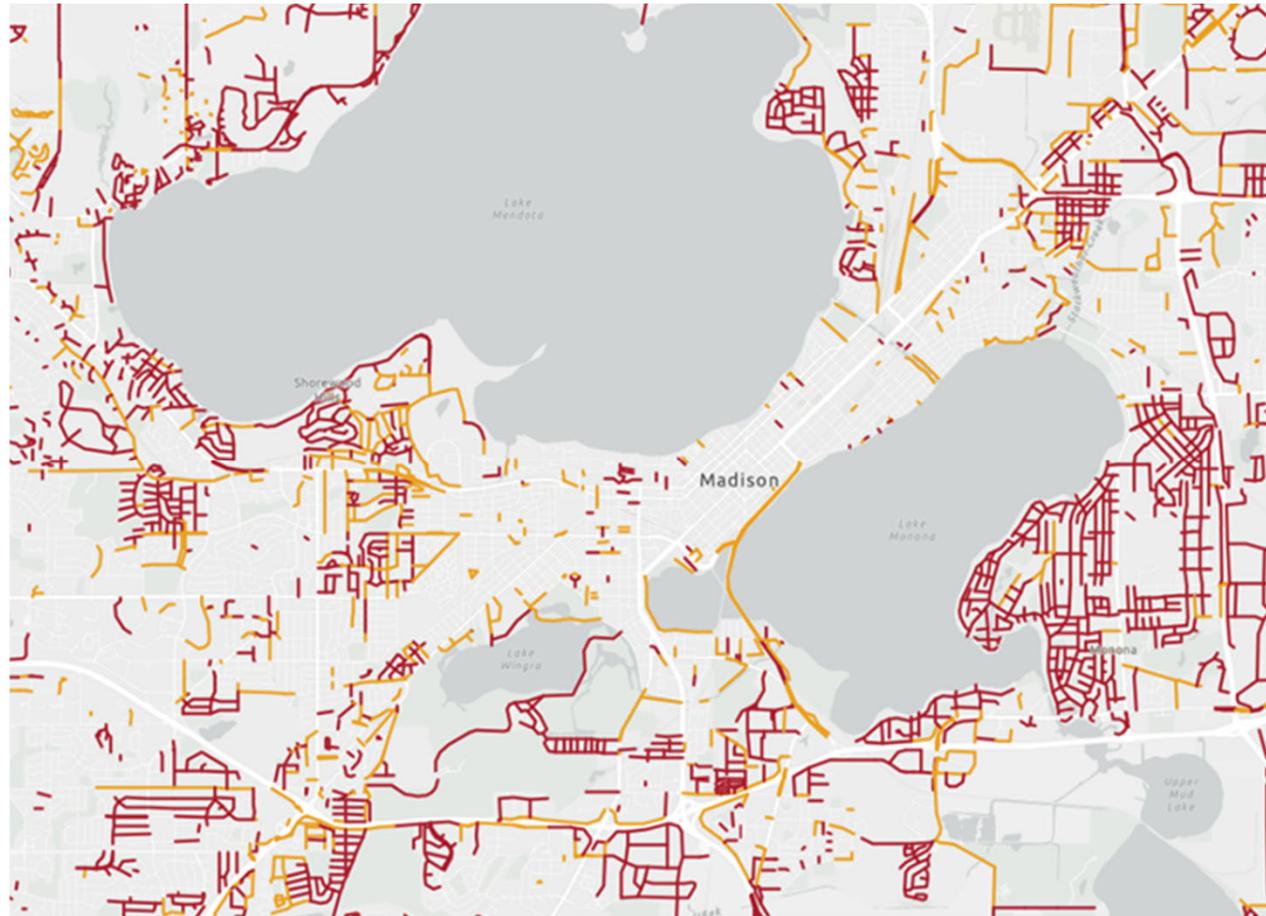


Gap and Barrier Analysis

Sidewalk Coverage

- 47% of urban streets have sidewalks on both sides.
- 14% have sidewalks on one side.
- 39% have no sidewalks.

There are 2267 miles of sidewalks and pedestrian paths in Dane County.



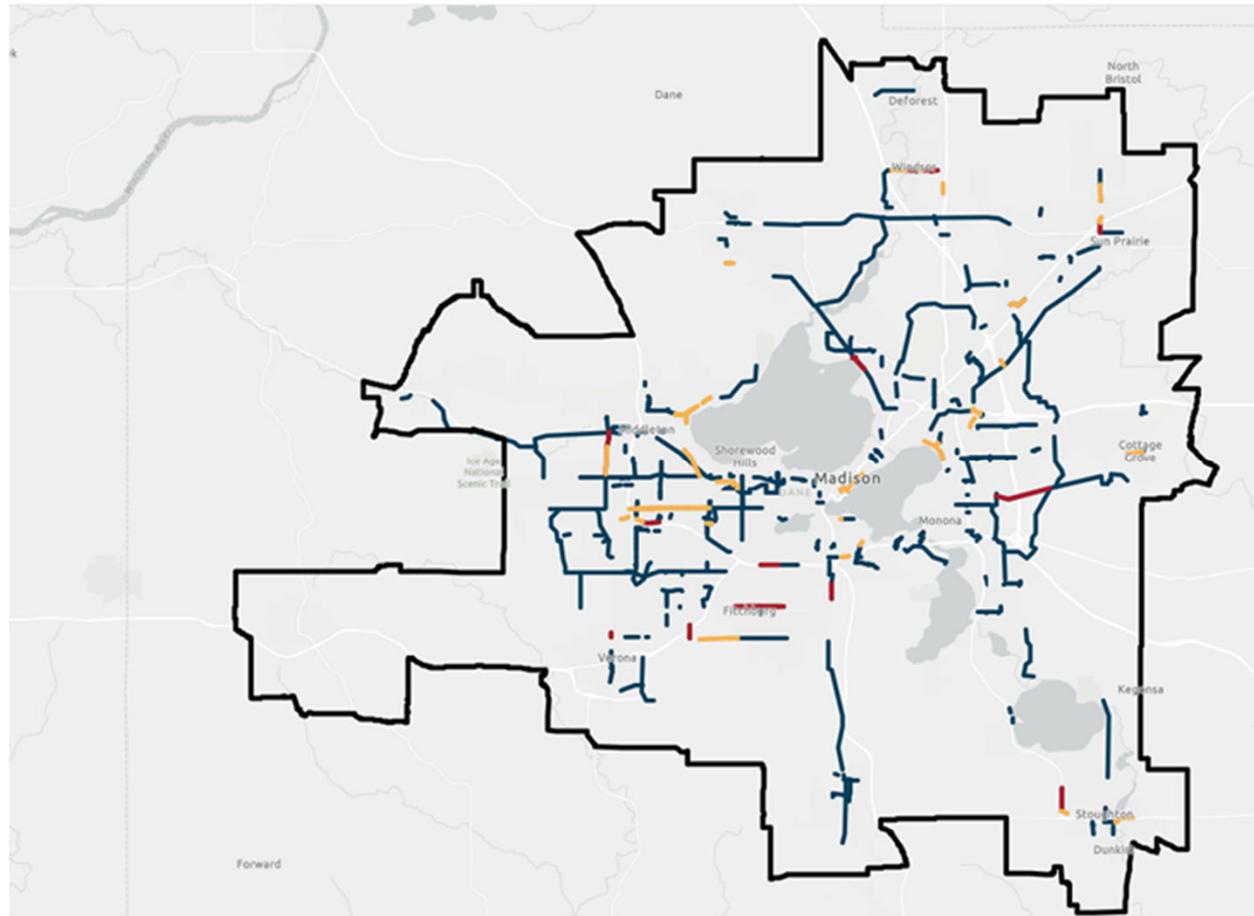
Gap and Barrier Analysis

Bicycle Missing Links

Missing links are key gaps in the low-stress bicycle network.

Many have been improved since the RTP or are currently programmed.

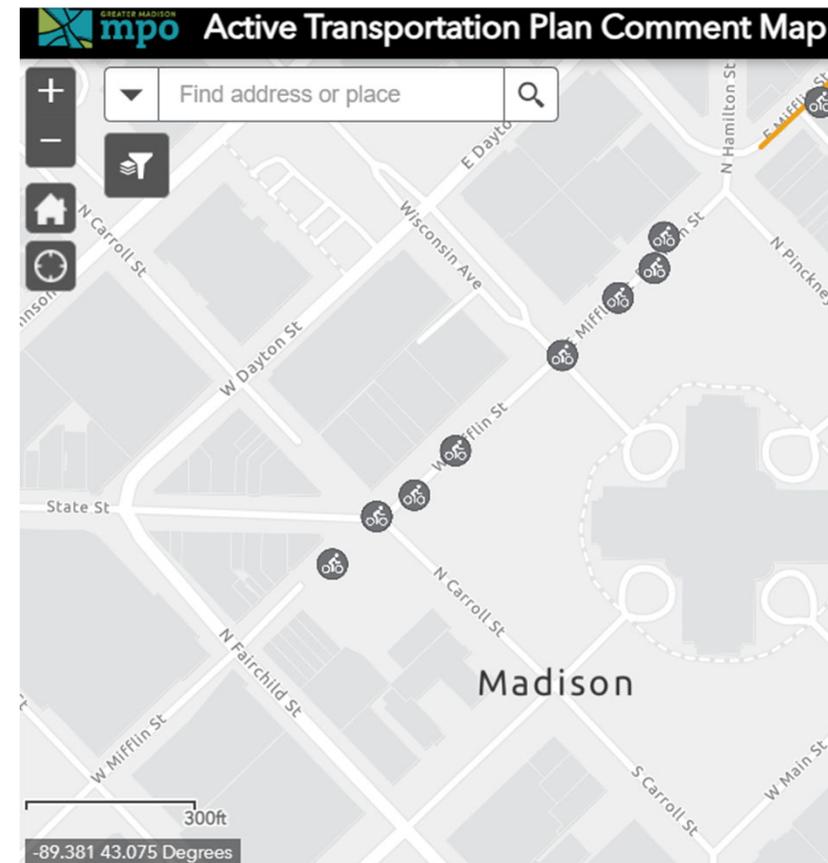
Priority paths have been combined with missing links in the current plan.



Gap and Barrier Analysis

Missing link: Eastbound Connection on Mifflin Street

- There needs to be a protected bike connection from W Mifflin through the square and on to E Mifflin
- Agree that there needs to be a way to connect to Mifflin bike boulevard. Contraflow bike lane?
- The inner parking lane along here would be better served for that bike connection that everyone is suggesting
- Same - connect State to E. Mifflin here to avoid going around the Square.
- Agree with others -- would love a bike connection between State St. and Mifflin going east so you don't have to bike around the square.



Recommendations

1. Expand the active transportation network to serve all communities and neighborhoods.
2. Make public input foundational in the planning and design of projects affecting active transportation.
3. Update laws and regulations for the 21st century.
4. Improve data collection and analysis.
5. Design infrastructure to promote safety without active enforcement.



Recommendations

6. Tailor enforcement priorities to promote active transportation.
7. Support education and encouragement programs that promote walking, rolling, and bicycling.
8. Maintain bicycle and pedestrian facilities in good condition year-round.
9. Ensure that end-of-trip facilities and multimodal transfer points meet the needs of people walking, biking, and rolling.



Current MPO Performance Measures related to Active Transportation:

		Desired Trend
1.	Miles of Pedestrian Facilities (recommend replacement with new “Percentage of Urban Streets with no Sidewalks and with Sidewalks on Both Sides”)	Increase
2.	Low-Stress Bike Facilities on the Regional Bike Network (recommend removal with next RTP update)	Increase
3.	BCycle Utilization (annual)	Increase
4.	Pedestrian and Bicycle Fatalities and Serious Injuries (5-year rolling average, annual)	Decrease
5.	Transit Ridership (annual)	Increase
6.	Single-Occupant Vehicle (SOV) Commuting Percentage (Mode of Transportation to Work) (5-year ACS, annual)	Decrease



New MPO Performance Measures related to Active Transportation:

		Desired Trend
1.	Transportation funding (total and percent) allocated to pedestrian/bicycle, and transit projects [<i>currently collected and reported in the TIP, but not reported as a Performance Measure</i>] (annual)	Pedestrian/bicycle funding: Increase Transit funding: Increase
2.	Transportation funding (total and percent) allocated to safety, projects [<i>currently collected and reported in TIP, but not reported as a Performance Measure</i>] (annual)	Safety funding: Increase
3.	Per capita VMT (annual)	Decrease
4.	Percentage of Urban streets with no sidewalks and with sidewalks on both sides (annual)	No sidewalks: Decrease Sidewalks both sides: Increase
5.	Miles of Off-Street and Protected Bicycle Facilities (with updates to this plan)	Increase
6.	Total Bicycle and Pedestrian reported crashes (annual)	Decrease



Recommendation: Tailor enforcement priorities to promote active transportation.

Supporting Activity

Related Performance Measures

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|---|---|
| 1 Expand alternative enforcement strategies/penalties for pedestrians and bicyclists who violate traffic laws. | N/A |
| 2 Expand Bicycle-Mounted Police programs. | N/A |
| 3 Implement daily inspections of key bike and pedestrian tunnels/underpasses to ensure that they are clear of obstructions. | SOV Commuting Percentage
Per capita VMT |
| 4 Promote targeted enforcement of safety-related traffic violations | Pedestrian and Bicycle Fatalities and Serious Injuries
Total Bicycle and Pedestrian reported crashes |



New Considerations

New focus on Accessibility and New Technologies

- ADA Transition Plans
 - Required by ADA.
 - MPO can provide data and may be able to provide funding to assist.
- PROWAG Accessibility Requirements
 - Previous accessibility recommendations are now law.
- New and Emerging Technologies
 - E-bikes, e-scooters, and other e-micromobility devices are changing the transportation landscape.



New Format

The First Greater Madison MPO Plan to be Released as a Website

- Accessibility Requirements
 - PDFs require additional time & effort.
- Plan Website
 - It is much easier to meet accessibility requirements on a website than with a PDF.
 - The website will be easier to navigate and will be more suited to viewing on different screen sizes.
- Dynamic Maps
 - The website approach will allow us to include dynamic maps that enable users to zoom and move the map.



Questions?



MPO Agenda Cover Sheet
March 4, 2026

Item No. 6

<p>Re: Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill and the BASICS (Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act</p>
<p>Summary of the Item:</p> <p><u>What is it?</u> The BASICS Act (H.R. 7437) was introduced on February 9th by Congresswoman Kristen McDonald Rivet (D), MI District 8 and Representative Rob Bresnahan (R), PA District 8.</p> <p><u>Who is involved in this effort?</u> It reflects the shared priorities of the <i>Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition</i> which includes the following organizations: Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), National League of Cities (NLC), National Association of Counties (NACo), U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), Rural and Economic Development Planning Organizations (NADO), and Councils of Government and Regional Councils (NARC).</p> <p><u>What is the basic message?</u> The members of these organizations, collectively, plan, own and operate the majority of the nation’s transportation infrastructure and they desire federal transportation policies that recognize the integral role that communities and regional entities play in the transportation system. It is important to note that the intent of the ACT is built upon growth in the overall federal program and it is intended to increase funding for both local and regional partners and State DOTs.</p>
<p>Materials Presented on Item: none</p>
<p>Staff Recommendation/Rationale: Information purposes only.</p>