



Transportation Planning Board
A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Memorandum

TO: All Mayors, Village Presidents, and Town Chairs in the MPO Planning Area and Dane County Executive
FROM: William Schaefer, Transportation Planning Manager
DATE: March 6, 2020
RE: Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Major Amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add CTH AB/USH 12-18 Interchange Project

This is to notify you of a proposed major amendment to MATPB's [2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County](#). The TIP amendment would add a project to create a full diamond interchange about 1,000 feet east of the existing County Trunk Highway (CTH) AB and U.S. Highway (USH) 12/18 intersection. A new two-way frontage road would be constructed on the south side of USH 12/18 between Millpond Road and CTH AB with the existing Millpond intersection closed except for the allowance of eastbound right-in traffic. See attached map showing the project concept design.

The purpose of the project is to address existing serious safety issues at the Millpond Road and CTH AB intersections with USH 12/18. The project will also allow safely handling the anticipated large increase in traffic from planned development on the Ho Chunk property and in the area to the north of these intersections. The Ho Chunk property development alone is expected to add 9,500 weekday trips. From 2014-2018, there were 90 crashes causing 36 injuries and two fatalities at these two intersections. Based on that, they rank in the top five for intersection crash severity in the City of Madison and taken together would rank number one. The intersections are also some of the worst for safety in the entire state. MATPB's [Regional Transportation Plan 2050](#) identifies the CTH AB/Sprecher Road/Reiner Road corridor as an important future north-south principal arterial as planned eastside neighborhoods develop. To support this development, the plan identifies the corridor for capacity expansion in the future with the interchange at USH 12/18.

The estimated construction cost is \$28 million with another almost \$8 million in property acquisition costs. Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funding would cover the majority of the construction cost. In order to be eligible for HSIP funding, the project had to meet rigorous cost-benefit analysis criteria. Because of its high ranking, it is one of the largest HSIP projects ever funded. An agreement on cost sharing between WisDOT, City of Madison, Dane County, and Ho Chunk Nation still needs to be worked out. See attached project listing with the costs, proposed funding, and schedule. WisDOT will be applying for a discretionary federal BUILD program grant, which if successful would modify the funding and cost sharing.

Because this amendment to the 2020-2024 TIP involves the addition of a regionally significant project with a cost well in excess of \$7 million, the amendment is classified as a major one per MATPB procedures for amending the TIP. Major amendments require a notice and comment period and a public hearing as is done for the annual update to the TIP. The following is the date and location of the public hearing on the proposed TIP amendment:

Public Hearing
Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Madison Water Utility
119 E. Olin Avenue, Conference Rooms A-B

Written comments or concerns regarding the TIP amendment must be submitted in writing by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1 or submitted at the public hearing. Please address written comments to the MATPB office or email them to MATPB staff at mpo@cityofmadison.com.

MATPB anticipates taking action on the TIP amendment following the public hearing unless the board receives comments expressing concerns prior to or at the hearing in which case action could be delayed.

Please feel free to contact me (PH: 266-9115; Email: wschaefer@cityofmadison.com) if you have any questions.

Enclosures

Cc (via email):

MPO Policy Board and CC List	WisDOT Central and SW Region Staff Contacts
MPO Technical Committee and CC List	Federal and State Resource Agency Contacts
MPO Citizen Advisory Committee	Ho-Chunk Nation Contacts
Administrators/Clerks in the MPO Area	Interest Organization Contacts
Dane Co. Supervisors	
Dane Co. PW & Transp. Committee	
City of Madison Alders	
City of Madison Policy & Planning Board & TC	
Local Transp. / Public Works Committees	

