

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

DTIM-BPED29

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on DTIM-BPED29, 23 USC 134, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website: <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTIM-BPED29>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Transportation Investment Management  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
PO Box 7913  
Madison, WI 53707-7913

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsin.dot.gov](http://wisconsin.dot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

### **AGENCY CONTACT**

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## Public Involvement

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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act* along with Public Law 114 – 357 *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST)*. The plan is available at: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/stip.aspx>

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 14, 2018. A copy of the notice is presented below.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation announces the availability of its draft multimodal 2019-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft STIP is available from the State Transportation Improvement Program website: <http://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 2019-2022 timeframe. The draft STIP is subject to a 30-day public comment period. The final STIP will be issued in January 2019. Inquiries about the draft STIP and written comments on the improvement program should be directed, before December 15, 2018, 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; 608-266-3662.