

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
ARRA - STAGE 2 PROJECT APPLICATION FORM for: Transportation
Enhancements (TE) Program
DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO APPLY FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAMS

1. Project Name: Swarthout Museum Expansion _____
2. Project Location: Municipality: City of La Crosse _____ County: La Crosse _____
 Street Address of Project (if applicable): _____
 Describe location and boundaries of the project: Corner of 9th and Main Streets in La Crosse, adjacent to the Main Public Library. _____

3. Name of the MPO the project is represented by: LaCrosse Area Planning Committee
NOTE: A Wisconsin map with areas covered by MPOs is located on p. 13 of the CY 2008 TE Guidelines section.

4. Name and Location of Public Sponsor: City of La Crosse _____
 Indicate Sponsor Type: State County City Village Town Indian Nation

5. If public sponsor is submitting more than one application, prioritize this project here: (e.g., 1 of 5):
 6 of 6 . This is required for all projects.

6. Primary Contact Person of Public Sponsor Agency:

Name: Timothy Acklin _____ Title: Senior Planner _____
 Address: 400 La Crosse Street _____ Phone: (608) 789-7512 _____
 Municipality: City of La Crosse _____ State: WI Zip: 54601 _____
 FAX: (608) 789-7318 _____ E-mail: acklint@cityoflacrosse.org _____

7. **Check the appropriate box below and complete the following information. (See the CY 2008 TE Guidelines for detailed information) All TE projects must fit into one of the 12 categories AND relate to surface transportation:**

Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program

Indicate which **ONE** of these twelve categories **best** identifies your project:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of facilities for pedestrians/bicycles | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians & bicyclists | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails) | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping and other scenic beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> * Historic Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Control and removal of outdoor advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> * Rehabilitation/operation of historic transportation buildings (including historic railroad facilities and canals) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Establishment of transportation museums | <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological planning and research |

*Historic Projects must be on the Wisconsin or National Register(s) of Historic Places, or officially designated as a local landmark.

8. **In the space allotted below (24 rows), describe the project (See Question 11 for instructions.)**

This project involves the expansion of the existing Swarthout museum by constructing a historic transportation annex. The Swarthout Museum is part of the Main Public Library in La Crosse and features changing exhibits about the history of La Crosse County, about everything from local businesses to daily life in the past. A miniatures room and a children's hands-on room are currently two popular permanent exhibits. It is currently operated and maintained by the La Crosse County Historical Society.

The proposed transportation annex is a three-level addition with a basement and a first and second floor. The basement will be used for storage. The first floor will include a historic dairy wagon, political wagon, buggys, a steam pumper, steam tractor, a Model T Ford, and a working replica of a steam boat. The Society is also proposing to have a portion of the 1st floor open to the 2nd floor to suspend an airplane from the ceiling. It will also include a gift shop. The second floor will include a historic bicycle display, cart display, roller and ice skate display, and offices and workrooms for the museum's curator and administrator. This annex will be entirely devoted to historic modes of transportation and how they were relevant in the City of La Crosse. Each display will include interpretive signage.

The majority of the proposed exhibits are already in the possession of La Crosse Historical Society but were placed in storage as they lacked the museum space to properly display them. The remaining items proposed for the annex will be acquired by the La Crosse County Historical Society if funding for the annex is approved. No land or ROW will need to be purchased.

9. TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,227,185.00: An accurate cost estimate is critical because the sponsor may be at least partly responsible for any costs that exceed the final project award amount. If you are eligible for Track 1, it is assumed your engineering and design work is 90-100% complete and you should therefore have an accurate cost estimate. Track 2 projects are allowed design and engineering costs, with final construction estimate adjusted accordingly. Be sure to provide a separate estimate for design and engineering costs. Track 3 projects are currently scheduled January 1 to September 30, 2010 and are close enough to completing design and engineering work that a PS&E can be submitted June 1, 2009 for letting in 2009. To ensure the federal eligibility of your project proposal a more detailed budget should be attached, particularly for projects with many Construction components such as streetscaping and landscaping projects. Include a description of the entire project, noting eligible and non-eligible TE items if only a portion of the project is TE eligible. **The TE eligible Construction related project must be \$200,000 total and over.** Please note that you should submit a separate application and budget for each stand-alone project you are willing to accept funding for. We will not split or partially fund project requests.

10. Please confirm your understanding of the following project conditions by **marking an x in the boxes** below. ***Person initialing and signing the application must have fiscal authority for the public sponsor.***

a. The sponsor agrees that the requested projects will be State LET, with the state ensuring that the projects will follow the applicable federal and state regulations required, and that all Project Eligibility criteria will be met. Failure to do so will result in the loss of federal ARRA funding participation.

Accepted.

b. The sponsor must fund project costs in excess of the final award amount for the project at no expense to state/federal

funding sources for any federal ineligible or non-participating costs. Other cost overruns will be funded 80% federal/20% local out of the regular TE program only if approved by WisDOT. State Delivery and Oversight costs by WisDOT staff and their agents for the original project request will also be 100% federal funded.

Accepted.

- c. If applying for a bicycle facility, it is understood that All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are not allowed. Snowmobile use is only allowable by local ordinance. Trail fees may only be charged on a facility if the fees are used solely to maintain the trail. WisDOT reserves the right to require snow plowing of facilities as part of the maintenance agreement where year round use by bicyclists and pedestrians is expected.

Accepted.

- d. The sponsor agrees to maintain the project for its useful life. Failure to maintain the facility, or sale of the assets improved with FHWA funds prior to the end of its useful life, will subject the sponsor to partial repayment of federal funds or various stipulations protected the public interest in the project for its useful life.

Accepted.

- e. The sponsor agrees to State Delivery and Oversight costs by WisDOT staff and their agents. These costs include review of Design and Construction documents for compliance with federal and state requirements, appropriate Design standards, etc. These costs will be in addition to the requested local amount but still be covered 100% federal.

Accepted.

11. For Question 8, please answer the following questions regarding the project you are applying for:

a) For **bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities**, clearly indicate the location, length, width and surface materials and any connections to existing or planned facilities.

b) For **historic related projects**, how does the project relate to Wisconsin's past or present surface transportation system? Document that the project is on the National and/or State Register of Historic Places or a local landmark designated under a locally adopted landmarks ordinance. Provide detail on the historic, architectural and other significance of the project. Including a picture with the application is particularly helpful for evaluating historic projects.

c) For **landscaping/streetscaping** applications, clearly detail the types of amenities and improvements that will be part of the project. Indicate how the improvements will promote opportunities for walking and biking. Beware that certain cost items such as parking improvements, street work not related to bike/ped usage, utilities like sanitary sewer and other items not strictly related to the TE project must be excluded. Street light fixtures are expected to be of a decorative, antique-look type.

d) Realistically, how much usage or impact will the proposed facility have on an **annual** basis? - e.g., how many bicycle or pedestrian users, visitors, viewers, etc., of the facility per year. For bicycle and pedestrian facilities there should be significant non-recreational usage of the trail such as for shopping, work, school trips, etc.

e) Broadly describe other project benefits (not already covered above) related to any of the following – improvement to Wisconsin's multi-modal transportation system (bicycle, pedestrian or transit); preservation of state historic, environmental and scenic resources; promotion of economic development, tourism, safety, etc.

12. Clearly indicate that you are either applying under Track 1, Track 2 or Track 3 conditions (check only one):

Track 1: Design & engineering work complete or 90+% complete; applying for construction funding only and can meet all Stage 2 benchmarks for a complete State Let PS&E submittal by May 1, 2009.

Track 2: Applying for design & engineering and construction work and can meet all Stage 2 benchmarks for a complete State Let PS&E submittal no later than (preferably earlier) December 1, 2009. Be sure to provide a separate cost estimate for the design/engineering portion of the project.

Track 3: Applying for a construction-only project that is currently scheduled in WisDOT's financial system from January 1 to September 30, 2010 and can meet all Stage 2 benchmarks for a complete State Let PS&E submittal no later than June 1, 2009 for letting in the 2009 construction season.

13. I have read and understood the above statements.

Signed on behalf of City of La Crosse
(Name of Sponsor)

By Mark Johnsrud
(Name of Person with Fiscal Authority) (Signature of Person)

Mayor
(Title of Person Signing) (Date)

Please remember to include the required 8 1/2" x 11" map for your project
Completed applications consist of 1 Microsoft Word electronic version of the application submitted to the appropriate WisDOT Region office by 5 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 (revised from the previous April 1 deadline) to be eligible for Stage 2 funding. Include the name of the local unit of government submitting the application in your file name. If you are applying for Track 1 or 2 and have already filled out a Stage 2 application, you do not need to refill out a new application unless now applying under Track 3.



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