

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

DTIM BTLRRH 25

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on DTIM BTLRRH 25, Wisconsin State Statute 85.08, 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=DTIMBTLRRH25>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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Freight Railroad Infrastructure Improvement Program

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The Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP) is one of two freight rail assistance programs WisDOT currently administers (also see the [Freight Rail Preservation Program \[FRPP\]](#)). Wisconsin's original rail assistance program was created in 1977 to help preserve freight rail service during an era when widespread railroad bankruptcies and line abandonments threatened the availability of rail service in Wisconsin.

Initially, the program was limited to grants to local governments because of constitutional restrictions on state assistance to railroads. But in 1992, Wisconsin voters approved a constitutional amendment that allowed state money to fund railroads as a type of internal improvement.

In 1992 the FRIIP loan program was added to the state's rail assistance program. FRIIP loans enable the state to encourage a broader array of improvements to the rail system, particularly on privately owned lines. It also provides funding for other rail related projects such as loading and trans-loading facilities. Statutory information about Wisconsin freight railroad assistance can be found in [Wis. Stats. 85.08](#).

Since 1992, \$128 million in FRIIP loans have been awarded. Today's available funding is from the repayment of prior loans.

- [FRPP grant and FRIIP loan projects](#) (Updated July 2018)

The FRIIP provides up to 100% loans for rail projects that:

- Connect an industry to the national railroad system
- Make improvements to enhance transportation efficiency, safety, and intermodal freight movement
- Accomplish line rehabilitation
- Develop the economy

The SFY 2019 [FRIIP application instructions](#) are available to download. For additional information, please contact:

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Related information:

- [Freight Rail Preservation Program](#)
- [Railroad crossing improvements](#)
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