

CITY OF BELOIT

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL



Topic: Resolution authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for FFY 2023-2026 TAP Supplemental Program

Date: March 20, 2023

Presenter: Bill Frisbee, Public Works Director

Department:

Engineering/Public Works

Overview/Background Information

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a legislative program that was authorized in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the federal transportation act that was signed into law on November 15, 2021. With certain exceptions, projects that met eligibility criteria for the Safe Routes to School Program, Transportation Enhancements, and/or the Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Program are eligible TAP projects.

Key Issues

1. This grant application is to obtain funding for the development of a safety study to evaluate the pedestrian and biking corridors throughout the City, and use the gathered information to create an action plan for improvement of these routes.
2. The development of an action plan is required for many other grant applications targeted towards funding transportation improvements for transportation alternatives.
3. The total study cost is estimated at \$267,500.00. The grant application is for 80% (\$214,000.00) and the local required match would be 20% (\$53,500.00).
4. The due date for 2023-2026 TAP grant applications is March 24, 2023.

Conformance with Strategic Plan

Approval of this action would conform with the stated purpose of the following strategic goal:

- Goal #1 - Create and Sustain Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- Goal #2 - Create and Sustain a High Performing Organization
- Goal #3 - Create and Sustain Economic and Residential Growth
- Goal #4 - Create and Sustain a High Quality of Life
- Goal #5 - Create and Sustain High Quality Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Goal #6 - Create and Sustain Enhanced Communications and Community Engagement, while maintaining a Positive Image

Sustainability

If applicable, briefly comment on the environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability of this policy or program. Consider how current needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. **Write N/A if not applicable**

Multi use paths and sidewalks along road corridors promotes healthy and safe alternatives to traditional motorized vehicles.

Action Required/Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Fiscal Note/Budget Impact

This grant has a 20% match requirement which will be taken from the CIP engineering contracted services account.

Attachments

Resolution 2023-039 and Grant Intention to Apply

Revised 03-09-2022

RESOLUTION 2023-039

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (WISDOT) FOR FFY 2023-2026 BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

WHEREAS, the City of Beloit is committed to creating and sustaining a high quality of life through efforts to increase sustainability; and

WHEREAS, funding has been made available by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the development of an action plan to improve the safety of pedestrian and bike corridors; and

WHEREAS, the program requires a 20% match by the municipality, and offers a reimbursement for up to 80% of the eligible cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Beloit hereby authorizes the City Manager to:

1. Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for any financial aid that may be available through the 2023-2026 Transportation Alternatives Program;
2. Enter into a State Municipal Project Agreement (SMA) for the study;
3. Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation as described in the application;
4. Submit signed documents; and
5. Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved program.

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF БЕЛОIT

Regina Dunkin, City Council President

ATTEST:

Marcy Granger, City Clerk-Treasurer

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DATE: March 20, 2023

FUNDING SOURCE: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

NAME OF GRANT: Transportation Alternative Program

AMOUNT OF PROPOSED GRANT: \$214,000

LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS: \$53,500 (20%)

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

This grant is for the development of a safety study to evaluate pedestrian and biking corridors throughout the City, and use the gathered information to create an action plan for improvement of these routes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

Bill Frisbee, P.E.
Public Works Director