

CITY OF MADISON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICY BOARD

ACTION ITEM DETAIL – NOVEMBER 15, 2021

ACTION TITLE: Approve transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application

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ACTION SUMMARY

Direction to staff on the priority of projects which should be submitted to the Greater Madison MPO for federal TAP funding.

BACKGROUND

Every infrastructure cycle (3-4 years) both the Greater Madison MPO and the State of Wisconsin call for projects to fund using the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program monies. The following excerpt from GMMPO's website describes the funding.

WisDOT solicits and selects projects for TA funding available statewide. Project solicitation is typically conducted biennially. In addition, one-half of the available statewide TA funding is allocated directly to large MPOs such as Greater Madison MPO. Greater Madison MPO selects projects for funding with that allocation. Madison area projects are still able to compete for the statewide funding. Greater Madison MPO updated its TAP program policies and project scoring criteria. . . again in October 2021. The Madison area received a sub-allocation of \$1.99 million for the FY 2016-2020 program cycle, \$847,000 for the FY 2018-2022 cycle, and \$1.15 million for the FY 2020-2024 cycle. The FY 2022-2026 cycle will be conducted during the winter of 2021-2022, with applications due to WisDOT and the MPO by January 28, 2022.

A copy of the GMMPO's scoring criteria can be found [here](#). Generally projects that have been awarded TAP funding in the past have ranged from \$300k to \$700k – which tend to be lower cost infrastructure investments.

DESCRIPTION

This budget cycle, staff sought to provide Board members with a broader listing of candidate projects to provide choice over the selection. Candidate projects were identified using the GMMPO's bike gap analysis. Then:

- Lower cost concept treatments were developed for each bike gap.
- Projects within equity areas were identified.
- Candidate projects were compared with pavement ratings and future projects.
- Feasibility implementation was reviewed

The resulting review provides a list of recommended candidates to pursue TAP funding. However, other candidates and their concept are included for the Board's review. Note that not all of the prioritized projects will be submitted, but only the top ranked, after further accounting for project costs and feasibility.

EQUITY GOAL IMPACTS

The candidate TAP projects were prioritized using an equity lens. The exhibit associated with the prioritization shows the proposed candidates in relationship to both communities of color and low income families.

FISCAL & PROCUREMENT DETAILS

If awarded a TAP grant, Madison will need to provide a 20% to 40% local match. This local match generally can be obtained from existing funding allocations. The Common Council will provide a resolution of support, committing the local match funding, as part of the application process.

