



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

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Title

Authorizing the City of Madison Traffic Engineering Division to submit, and if awarded, to accept a grant of up to \$920,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration to develop a plan and design for a preferred alternative for a north side, all-ages, all-ability, bicycle and pedestrian facility and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the resulting grant agreement (District 12 & District 18).

Body

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant was created to help communities plan, design, and construct safe and connected active transportation networks such as sidewalks, bikeways, and trails that connect destinations such as schools, workplaces, residences, businesses, recreation areas, and medical facilities within a community or metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, ATIIP projects are intended to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of active transportation networks and communities; improve connectivity between active transportation modes and public transportation; enhance the resiliency of on- and off-road active transportation infrastructure and help protect the environment; and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities through the delivery of connected active transportation networks and expanded mobility opportunities; and

WHEREAS, US DOT has set aside some funds to support grants specifically for planning and design of active transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, the development of a feasible alternatives for an all ages and ability bicycle and pedestrian connection from the north side of Madison that would connect into the rest of the City bicycle and pedestrian network and to the planned North South Bus Rapid Transit route would promote safety and connectivity throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the grant application would also include funding to hold community engagement to gather input on the alternatives as well as to undertake initial design work on the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, applicants may apply for both a Planning and Design grant and a Construction grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Transportation Commission approved a resolution on June 12, 2024 to indicate support for Traffic Engineering;s efforts to apply for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison Traffic Engineering Division is authorized to apply for an Active Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program (ATIIP) grant to support bicycle and pedestrian route planning and design and to accept the grant if awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if awarded the grant, the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign a grant agreement with the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program grant, in a form approved by the City Attorney;; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council commit to funding the 20% local match requirements, up to \$184,000 if the City is awarded funding through this grant program; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the above grant agreement and other necessary documents related to this transaction in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.