



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution expresses support for the Engineering Division and Transportation Department grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2022-2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The application seeks federal funding for six bicycle and pedestrian projects. A separate resolution accepting the grant award will be submitted at a later date should the City be awarded the grant funding from WisDOT.

Title

Supporting an application to WisDOT for Federal funding under the 2022-2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (Citywide)

Body

This resolution provides the required support of the grant application under the WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) along with support of the projects noted in the application.

The City of Madison endeavors to provide its citizens with a robust, sustainable, multi-modal transportation system, including a major emphasis on bicycling and walking as viable and desirable modes of travel. The City has made major investments in bicycling and walking infrastructure and this priority is reflected in current budgets. Many of the City's important existing bike-related infrastructure projects were successfully completed with Federal Transportation Enhancements (TE) funding participation in partnership with WisDOT, and the City continues to seek Federal funding for planned major bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure projects.

This application includes the following proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects, and based on input from the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, these projects will be prioritized on the grant applications. The proposed priority is noted below, but this may change based on additional committee input, and staff will make the appropriate changes with the grant application documents.

1. School Rd. (Troy Dr. to Wheeler) - potential bike boulevard and additional bicycle & pedestrian improvements such as bumpouts, improved markings and crosswalks, etc.
2. E. Washington Ave. bicycle route alternative (Reindahl Park to East Springs Dr.) - includes potential bike boulevard on Dwight, bike lane markings on the frontage road and on Independence Ln., additional traffic calming and improved crossings where necessary
3. Badger Rd. shared use path Phase 1 (N. Rusk Ave. to Beltline overpass) - shared use path along W. Badger Rd. to connect N. Rusk Ave. to the existing pedestrian/bicycle overpass of the Beltline.
4. West Towne Path - two possible segments, including the segment from Gammon Rd. to Zor Shrine and the segment from Zor Shrine to High Point Rd. These may be combined into a single project on the application, depending on the cost estimates and potential funds available in the program.
5. Cross Isthmus Improvements - includes improved bicycle connections across the isthmus, primarily along Franklin St., Hancock St. and Blount St., and would also include installation of bike lanes along E. Washington Ave. from Blair St. to the Capitol Square.
6. Tancho Dr. Path - shared use path between Tancho Dr. and STH 151, where there is an existing path and underpass of the highway

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Engineering Division and Department of Transportation are authorized to submit an application for Federal funds under the 2022-2026 WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

with the appropriate prioritization of the projects.

2. That the Mayor and Common Council fully support the projects included in the TAP application