CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: January 3, 2022

ITEM: Resolution – Authorizing Application for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Funding – Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Potentially up to $1,000,000.

BACKGROUND: The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is accepting Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding applications from member governments. Applications are due January 7, 2022. The MPO will evaluate applications and announce grant awards in March 2022 for Federal Fiscal Year 2026.

The TAP grant application is for the Raccoon River East Pedestrian Bridge project that will connect trails in Raccoon River Park and Walnut Woods State Park. The total estimated cost of the project is $8,601,800 including planning and design, engineering, construction inspection, construction, and contingency.

The TAP program requires the recipient of funds to commit non-federal matching funds equal to at least 20% of the total project cost. Total funding secured to date is $1,111,464 including $690,000 (City funds for planning, design, and engineering), $175,000 (federal Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant), $256,464 (private donations). Several other grants, federal earmark funds, and multiple private donations are still pending. The application currently indicates the City would commit 86% of the funds to the project through these other outside sources along with City funds. The City may continue to apply for federal funds (including additional TAP funding in future years) to reduce the City's share.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize staff to file an application for the Raccoon River East Pedestrian Bridge and that the Council authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to act on the City's behalf in filing the application, approve the indicated priority and match amounts for the project, and agree to maintain the completed project for at least twenty years, as indicated in the proposed resolution.

Lead Staff Member: Sally Ortgies, Director of Parks & Recreation

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Sally Ortgies, Director of Parks & Recreation
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director CR for TS
Legal	Richard Scieszinski, City Attorney
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Grant Review Team		
Date Reviewed	12/28/21		
Recommendation	**Yes**	No	Split

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DES MOINES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FOR FFY 2026 AND PLEDGING THAT THE CITY WILL PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED

WHEREAS, the City of West Des Moines is a full member of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding to local jurisdictions for the construction of eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the program is administered by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization which prioritizes and ranks all project applications; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Des Moines, on January 3, 2022, directed staff to file an application for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council authorizes the City Manager and the Mayor to sign the application to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization and sign all pertinent papers on behalf of the City as they relate to this application.

SECTION 2. The City of West Des Moines supports and approves the application for a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant for the project identified in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. The City of West Des Moines pledges matching funds for federal funds received, as required by the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

SECTION 4. The City of West Des Moines accepts and agrees to maintain improvements partially funded by the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program for a minimum of twenty (20) years upon completion of the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of January, 2022.

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Russ Trimble, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on January 3, 2022, by the following vote:

ATTEST:

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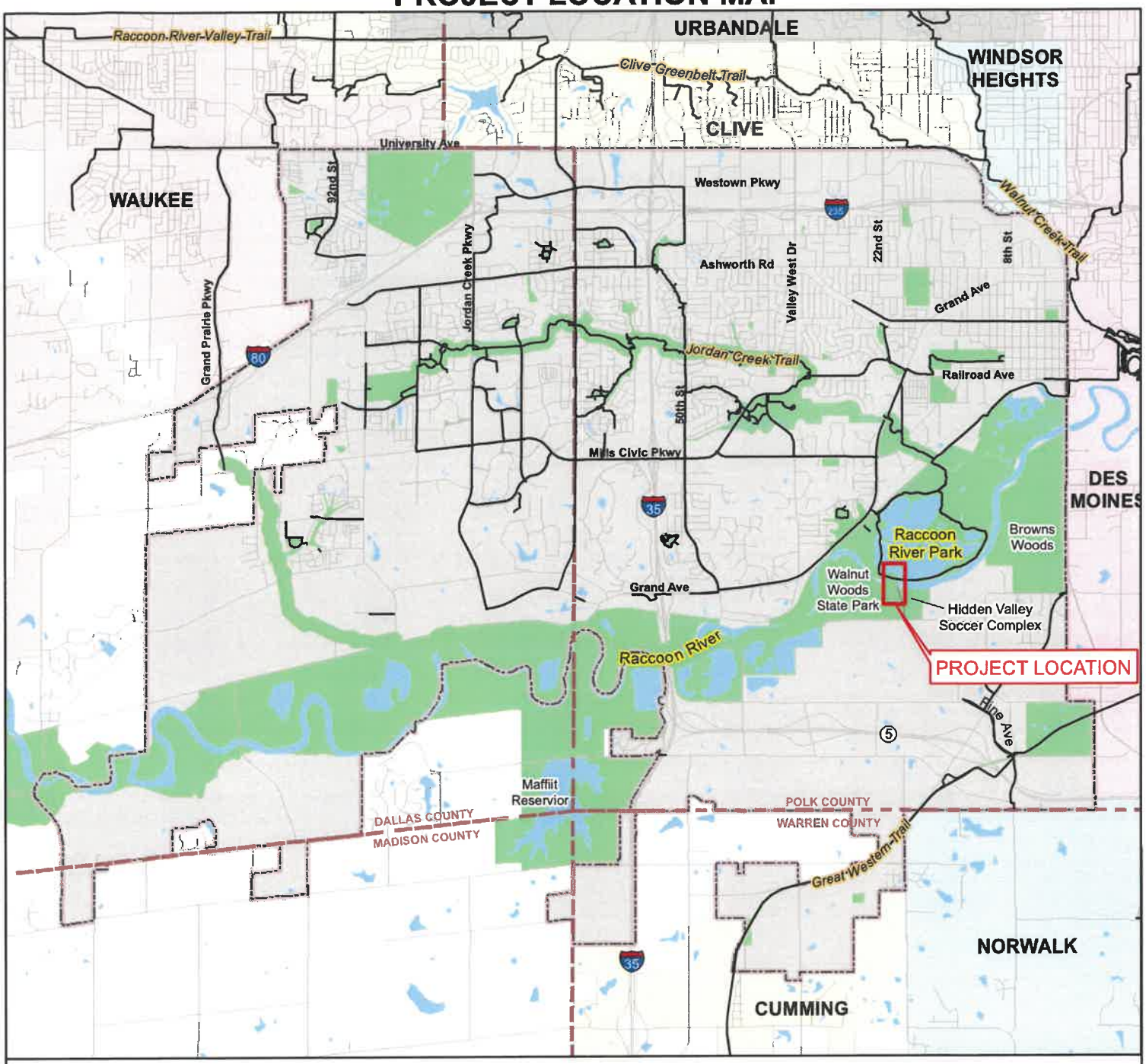
Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk

Exhibit A

City of West Des Moines
Transportation Alternatives Program Application
January 2022
For Federal Fiscal Year 2026

Transportation Alternatives Program	Total Est. Cost	TAP Funds Already Awarded	TAP Funds Request	Other Federal Grants Already Awarded	City Match	Match Percent
Raccoon River East Pedestrian Bridge	$8,601,800	$0	$1,000,000	$175,000	$7,426,800	86%

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



LEGEND

- Existing Trails
- Green Space
- City Limits
- County Limit

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THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES

PROJECT: **RACCOON RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

LOCATION: **BETWEEN RACCOON RIVER PARK AND WALNUT WOODS STATE PARK**

DRAWN BY: MAA	DATE: 8/8/2019	PROJECT NO.:	SHT. 1 of 1