CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: January 2, 2024

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Potentially up to $600,000.

BACKGROUND: The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is accepting Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) aka Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Set-Aside applications from member governments. Applications are due January 5, 2024. The MPO will evaluate applications and announce grant funding recommendations in March 2024 for Federal Fiscal Year 2028.

The TAP grant application is for the Raccoon River East Greenway Trail project that would extend a paved trail from Raccoon River Park to 1st Street within a greenway corridor. The Raccoon River East Greenway Trail would form a portion of the Five Waters Marathon Loop Trail as well as create a new 10K loop that would include the Levee and Raccoon River Park trails. The total estimated cost of the project is $1,725,000 including design, construction, resident services, 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. No City funding for the project has been budgeted to date. $250,000 is being requested for design and engineering in the FY 24-25 CIP program. The City's remaining share for construction would be budgeted as part of a future CIP request with the intent to construct the improvements in 2027-2028. The application currently indicates the City would commit 65% of the funds to the project. The City would potentially be able to reduce its share of the project by applying for an additional TAP funding as part of FFY 2029 request. This item was distributed and approved by the Grant Review Team on December 18, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize staff to file an application for the listed project 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: Marco Alvarez, Superintendent of Parks

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan Penning, Director of Parks & Recreation RP
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director CR for TS
Legal	Assistant City Attorney, Greta Truman
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Grant Review Team		
Date Reviewed	12/18/23		
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 2028 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 2, 2024, directed staff to file an application for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2028;

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 2nd day of January, 2024.

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Greg Hudson, Presiding Officer

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 2, 2024, by the following vote:

ATTEST:

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Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk

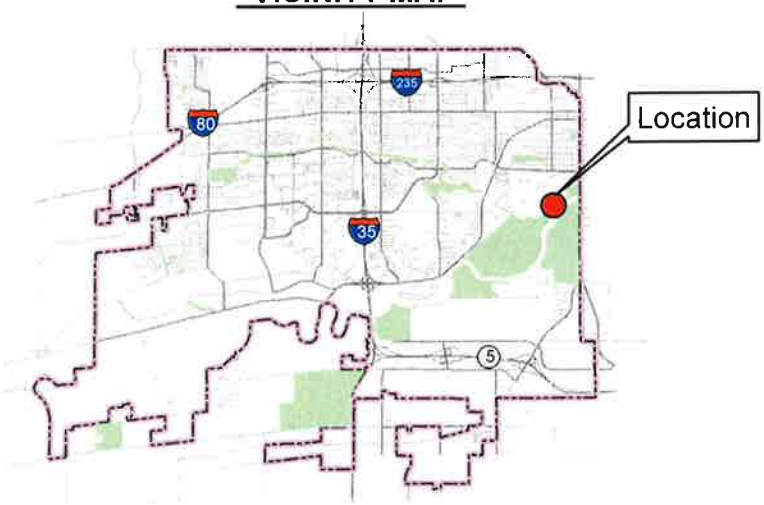
Exhibit A

City of West Des Moines
Transportation Alternatives Program Application
January 2024
For Federal Fiscal Year 2028

Transportation Alternatives Program	Total Est. Cost	TAP Funds Already Awarded	FY 2028 TAP Funds Request	City Match	Match Percent
Raccoon River East Greenway Trail	$1,725.000	$0	$600,000	$1,125,000*	65%*

*The City would potentially be able to reduce its share of the project by applying for additional TAP funding with Federal Fiscal Year 2029 request.

VICINITY MAP



LEGEND

- Park & Greenway
- Existing Multi-Use Trail
- Proposed Multi-Use Trail

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0 1,500 3,000 Feet

THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES	PROJECT:	2028 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATION		
	LOCATION:	RACCOON RIVER EAST GREENWAY TRAIL		
	DRAWN BY: MAA	DATE: 12/27/2023	PROJECT NO.:	SHT. 1 of 1