

MEETING DATE: 03/01/21

ITEM: 10E

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Consider Resolution 34-21 providing an official endorsement for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project application

Recommendation: Recommend approval of Resolution No. 34-21



Background Summary:

We have discussed the project to move the former railroad depot to the intersection of 11th Avenue and North Grand Avenue. The proposed use of the depot building will be for the American Passenger Train Museum and also include public rest rooms for a trailhead for the Charley Western Bike Trail.

Currently the bike trail ends at F Street near 11th Avenue and does not extend to North Grand Avenue. For the depot to function as a trailhead, the bike trail will need to be extended to the depot's new location. We have completed some preliminary planning and have a conceptual plan to extend the bike trail from F Street to North Grand Avenue. Using marked on-street bike trails and the trails along the Cedar River and Sherman Creek, we can loop the trail system from North Grand to the other end of the Charley Western Bike Trail at the intersection of North Illinois and Grove Streets.

We propose to submit a TAP application to the NIACOG TAP Committee for Federal funding for the bike trail extension from F Street to North Grand. A TAP application is due to NIACOG by March 5, 2021. The application requires an official endorsement from the City Council in the form of a resolution supporting the project and committing financial resources to maintain the project for a minimum of 20 years.

We recommend approval of Resolution No. 34-21.

CITY OF CHARLES CITY

Concept Plan
11th Avenue Bike Trail Connection



RESOLUTION NO. 34-21

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A TAP GRANT FOR THE
CHARLEY WESTERN TRAIL ELEVENTH AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT
CHARLES CITY, IOWA*

WHEREAS, the City has prepared an application for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for an extension of the Charley Western Trail along Eleventh Avenue. In order to provide a looped connection to the existing Charley Western Trail and the proposed establishment of a trail head with public restrooms, the project involves the construction and installation of a new trail along Eleventh Avenue from the end of the Charley Western Trail at F Street to North Grand Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charles City believes the trail bridge replacement project meets and exceeds the requirements for this grant; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$275,000 and the City will be responsible for all engineering and legal fees for the project as well as other construction costs not covered by TAP grant where the City's share is no less than 20 percent of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charles City, Iowa believes that the project would allow for the continued use of the existing Charley Western recreation trail facility and greatly enhance the potential for safety in Charles City and potentially lead to future opportunities for expansion of the trail system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to providing the equipment and staff needed for the continued maintenance and repairs to the trail bridge for a minimum of 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charles City, Iowa, hereby approves the application for funding of the Charley Western Trail Eleventh Avenue Extension project through the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant program and expresses its willingness to abide and comply with all grant program requirements if said application for funding is approved and to maintain the trail in the future.

COUNCIL MEMBER moved

COUNCIL MEMBER seconded

AYES:

NAYS: none

Passed and approved this 1st day of March, 2021.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk