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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**Subject: Discuss endorsement of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Trail Connection**

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**Background Summary:**

The former railroad depot has been moved onto a new foundation at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Grand Avenue. The relocated depot building will be the location 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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, we can then extend the bike trail system from North Grand to the pedestrian cable stayed bridge at the end of Clark Street.

Last year, staff submitted a TAP application to the NIACOG TAP Committee for Federal funding for the bike trail extension from F Street to North Grand. TAP applications are awarded on a competitive basis within the NIACOG region, and the City's application was not funded last year. We are preparing to submit a new TAP application the trail project, and this year's TAP application is due to NIACOG by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The application requires an official endorsement from the City Council in the form of a resolution supporting the project and committing financial resources to first construct and then maintain the project for a minimum of 20 years. We will have a resolution of support on next week's City Council meeting agenda for your consideration and approval.

Location Map  
Charley Western Trail Eleventh Avenue Extension Project  
Transportation Alternatives Program Application  
Charles City, Iowa



Project Limits: F Street to North Grand Avenue