
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Consider Resolution 19-22 approving a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application for the eleventh Avenue bike trail extension project

Recommendation: Approve Resolution Number 19-22

Background Summary:

The former railroad depot has been moved onto a new foundation at the intersection of 11th 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 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, 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 17th.

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 recommend approval of Resolution 19-22 approving the TAP grant application and committing funding for the project.

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



Project Limits: F Street to North Grand Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 19-22

*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 extension project meets and exceeds the requirements for this grant; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$290,000 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 will 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 funds for construction and committed to providing equipment, staff, and financial resources needed for the continued maintenance and repairs to the trail extension 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:

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Passed and approved this 23rd day of February, 2022.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk