



CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Thomas J Aspell, Jr., City Manager

DATE: January 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding from the NH Department of Transportation for the purpose of designing and constructing a portion of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP #543).

Recommendation

Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding from the NH Department of Transportation for the purpose of designing and constructing a portion of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP 543).

Background

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) released a call for new projects in conjunction with the federally funded Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP program combines a number of individual federal programs that the City has participated in such as Transportation Enhancement, Safe Routes to School, and Scenic Byways to provide applicants more flexibility. The focus on the program is for the design and construction of non-motorized facilities and infrastructure including on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation. A particular focus is on the conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors. Letters of Interest are due February 5, 2021.

Discussion

Based on the eligible activities of the program, staff recommends that the City participate in the application process for the design and construction of a portion of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. The program funding is comprised of 80% TAP funds with a required 20% local match. We anticipate we will be applying for the maximum \$1.25 million project and requesting Transportation Alternative Program funds in the maximum amount of \$1 million.