



CITY OF CONCORD
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Community Development Department

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager for Development
DATE: February 25, 2021
SUBJECT: Authorization to Apply to the NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program

Recommendation

Authorize the City Manager to formally apply to the NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program for funding to cover the cost of design, permitting, and construction of a paved multi-use transportation and recreation trail along a 5-3/4 mile stretch of land currently home to the abandoned Pan Am Rail line between Commercial Street and the Boscawen town line.

Background

As City Council is aware, staff has been exploring the acquisition of the 5-3/4 mile abandoned rail line between Commercial Street and the Boscawen town line. It is staff's hope to present City Council with a plan to undertake this initiative this calendar year for review. The purpose of this acquisition would be to lay the groundwork for a future paved multi-use transportation and recreation trail in this corridor.

In late January, the City Manager submitted a letter of interest in the NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program for funding to defray the costs of design, permitting, and construction of said multi-use trail. The City has now advanced to the next round where a formal application from the City and letter of support from the Council is requested.

Discussion

By accepting this report, the Council would authorize the City Manager to submit a formal application seeking up to the maximum amount of grant funding available, \$1 million. The Manager would also be directed to submit a required letter of support from the City Council

confirming for the grantor that the City Council is “committing to actively engaging and leading the project.”