

**Agenda Item 22-0903 (Tim Acklin)**

Resolution committing to and accepting Transportation Alternatives Program funding for an update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

**General Location**

City Wide with connections to the surrounding municipalities.

**Background Information**

The Planning, Development, and Assessment Department, on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, applied for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program to update the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The current plan was developed in 2012 with many components/policies having been implemented while others considered to be largely outdated.

The process is anticipated to begin toward the end of the comprehensive plan update which is mid-2023. This way we will also be able to incorporate the updated Comprehensive Plan (Forward La Crosse), the Climate Action Plan, and the ADA Transition Plan, into plan's goals, objectives, and strategies.

The grant requires that a Resolution from the municipality's Common Council, stating that they are committing funding and support to the project, is passed and submitted to WisDOT as part of the application process.

The project cost has been determined to be \$120,000. The grant will reimburse \$96,000 (80%) back to the City once the project is completed, which will leave the City's local share to be \$24,000 (20%). This Resolution is to serve as the City's commitment to support the project as well as identify the funding source as the 2023 CIP Budget. This project is currently identified in the budget in the year 2027 for \$150,000 with a funding source of General Obligation Bonds/Notes but will need to be moved to 2023, reduced to \$24,000 with the same funding source

**Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee supported this Resolution at their July 12, 2022 meeting.

**Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan**

Maintaining a multi-modal transportation plan is a primary objective in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. (Page 5-12)

**Staff Recommendation**

The City should take advantage of any grant opportunities available to maintain and/or develop important infrastructure, resources, and planning documents. **This item is recommended for approval.**

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