

Agenda Item 24-1226 (Jenna Dinkel)

Resolution approving a Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program State/Municipal Grant Agreement to construct the Avon Street Greenway.

General Location

Avon Street from St. Cloud Street to Moore Street.

Background Information

The City of La Crosse applied for and received a Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program Grant to construct the Avon Street Greenway. The Avon Street Greenway will create another vital link to the multimodal network by creating a safe, low-stress street to commute using active transportation.

The City was awarded up to \$707,651.84. Upon completion, 80% of participating construction costs will be reimbursed back to the City. The total project costs are estimated to be \$1,620,000 and have been requested and included in the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions

The Common Council adopted Resolution 23-1116 committing to and accepting Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant funding for Avon Street Greenway should it be awarded.

Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan recommends expanding the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks to ensure every street and all new development meets the safety and mobility needs of all users.

The Avon Street Greenway has also been identified as a high priority project in the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, 2021 Safe Routes to School Plan, and the 2018 Highway 53 Corridor Study.

Staff Recommendation

Approval – Staff recommends approval.

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