



CITY OF APPLETON

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2025
To: Finance Committee
From: Lindsey Smith, Principal Planner, Tom Flick, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation, and Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
Subject: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Application

Background & Analysis:

The City is intending to apply for two TAP grants for the 2026-2030 solicitation cycle.

The first TAP application will be for the development of a City-wide Bike and Pedestrian Plan in 2026. Currently has an on-street bicycle plan that was adopted in 2010 and trails master plan from 2017. A consolidated bike and pedestrian plan will provide city staff, elected officials, developers, residents, and stakeholders a clear direction on planning bike and pedestrian facilities throughout the City and further implement the complete street design guide and complete street policy.

As part of the bike and pedestrian planning efforts, the City will acquire a demonstration kit to perform safety and accessibility audits at high-risk intersections and corridors during the bike and pedestrian plan as a field-based extension of the planning activities, enabling us to test context-sensitive strategies and gather real time data on road user behavior and safety. The estimated project cost to develop a bike and pedestrian plan and purchase a demonstration kit is \$200,000. A similar resolution was before you in June, and approved by Common Council, to apply for SS4A grant for the creation of a City-wide bike and pedestrian plan. Currently, we have not heard back regarding the SS4A grant.

The second TAP application will be for developing the Southpoint Powerline Trail. The City intends to apply for funding to assist with the construction of the trail project in 2029. The Southpoint Powerline Trail would begin at Coop Road and extend to the west towards E. Plank Road. Over the past several years, the City has created 30-foot outlots to reserve the land for the future trail. Once constructed, the trail will connect to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities on East Plank Road and South Lake Park Road, as well as the planned City Conservancy on Eisenhower Drive. The City submitted a TAP grant application for 2024-2028 solicitation cycle for Southpoint Powerline Trail but was not awarded. The estimated construction cost is \$934,022.

The TAP program funds up to 80% of the cost, requiring a local match of at least 20%, which may be higher if the awarded amount is less than 80%. The City of Appleton will be responsible for the local match of \$40,000 for the Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and demonstration kit, and \$186,805 for the Southpoint Powerline Trail construction.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the resolutions of support for TAP Grant Application for City-wide Bike and Pedestrian Plan and Southpoint Powerline Trail.