

**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee  
INITIATED BY



1/18/2022  
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Federal Aid Funding Through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a legislative program that was authorized in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) that was signed into law in December, 2015, with a focus on alternative transportation methods, specifically including trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized forms of transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2022-2026 TAP Program Cycle is currently open with application submittals due January 28, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rock County Parks Division, as sponsor, but in conjunction with the City of Beloit and Town of Beloit, desires to apply for federal funds for a future TAP project that would extend the Peace Trail, off-street, from Big Hill Park southerly, through the CTH Q and CTH D intersection; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rock County is interested in developing and improving trails for public outdoor recreation purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, federal aid funding and a partnership with the City of Beloit and Town of Beloit will allow for this extension to occur in a cost effective and timely manner; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2020-2025 Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (POROS Plan) has recommended improvements to the Peace Trail corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Bike Trail Plan & Study recommends an off-street side path along this corridor of CTH D (Afton Road) for safety and accessibility purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this 27th day of January, 2022, hereby authorizes Duane Jorgenson, Director of Public Works, to act on behalf of Rock County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for federal aid funding through the Transportation Alternatives Programs.

**FISCAL NOTE:**

If the grant is awarded, a budget amendment resolution will need to be complete to accept and appropriate the funds.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

**LEGAL NOTE:**

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to § 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**Committee Action**

Public Works Committee

The DPW Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Mawhinney was absent.

Parks Advisory Committee

No members present.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for Federal Aid Funding Through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

This resolution provides authorization to apply for federal aid funding from WisDOT through the TAP, for the construction of an off-street segment of the Peace Trail, and includes the City of Beloit's and Town of Beloit's portions.

In order to move forward on this project, the Rock County Parks Division desires to apply for federal aid funding through the TAP and be the project sponsor while partnering with the City of Beloit and Town of Beloit. This program prioritizes projects that provide alternate transportation options, such as pedestrian and bicycle trails.

The 2020-2025 Rock County POROS plans recommends improvements to the Peace Trail from Janesville to Beloit, and the 2012 Rock County Bike Trail Plan & Study recommends an off-street side path along this corridor of CTH D (Afton Road) for safety and accessibility purposes.

Additionally, the Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Beloit Area, has included this section of trail in the SLATS Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update 2017, and as a high priority in the SLATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

With award of a federal aid TAP project, there is a four-year timeframe to commence work on the project. If Rock County, in conjunction with the City of Beloit and Town of Beloit, were successful with this application, the project would be scheduled for construction in 2025.

The funding being applied for is for construction only with an 80% federal / 20% local funding split. The 20% local funding will be split equally between Rock County, the City of Beloit and the Town of Beloit. The estimated project cost for constructing this segment of the Peace Trail is \$416,423.30, of which \$333,138.62 would be covered by federal aid and \$83,284.66 would be covered by local funds. Additionally, the estimated design costs of \$55,767.00 will be covered entirely by local funds. All local funds required will be split, in thirds, among the County, City of Beloit and Town of Beloit.

Cost Breakdown of Peace Trail Project from W. Big Hill Road to CTH Q & CTH D Intersection:

	Costs	Local Splits
<b>Total Overall Project Costs</b>	<b>\$472,190.28</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Design Costs</b> (Local Funding Only)	<b>\$55,767.00</b>	\$55,767.00
<b>Total Estimated Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$416,423.30</b>	
TAP Federal Aid (80%)	\$333,138.62	
Local Share (20%)	\$83,284.66	\$83,284.66
Local Share Split (1/3's)		\$139,051.66
– Rock County		\$46,350.56
– City of Beloit		\$46,350.55
– Town of Beloit		\$46,350.55

The Parks Division is planning to pursue possible donations or use of ATC funds, to offset the County's local share. The Parks Division does not intend to impact current or future County fund balances with this grant application. If the grant is approved, further action from the County Board would be required for the following:

- 1) enter an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Beloit and Town of Beloit. (Per WisDOT, the County can withdraw from the TAP project in the event an intergovernmental agreement cannot be reached.)
- 2) accept the award of federal funding, and
- 3) authorize the design and construction projects for this segment of the Peace Trail.