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Subject: DMATS Transportation Alternatives Program Applications

Date: March 21, 2024

DMATS published the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the DMATS Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2027 funding cycle on October 18, 2023. The application deadline was set for November 30, 2023.

Applications Received

The City of Dubuque, the City of Asbury, and the Dubuque County Conservation Board submitted applications. The applications are summarized below.

City of Asbury, Asbury West Trail Extension. The City of Asbury's application includes three components. (1) Construction of a 2,900 foot long, 10-foot-wide, shared use trail connecting the Arrowhead and Wedgewood subdivisions. (2) The addition of pavement markings on Osage Drive and Seippel Road to create a 1.4 mile on-road bicycle route. (3) Construction of a 2,300 foot long, 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the west side of Seippel Road between Asbury Road and Pawnee Lane. The sidewalk will connect Wedgewood and Arrowhead Subdivisions to existing walkable facilities in Asbury.

City of Dubuque, Bee Branch Trail Phase 2 to Downtown Dubuque Bike Lanes. The City of Dubuque's Application includes three components. (1) Construction of a 370-foot-long, 10-foot-wide multi-use trail from the existing Bee Branch Trail Phase 1 to 11th Street. The trail will cross 11th Street with a new crosswalk and curb ramps. (2) The 11th Street crossing will lead to an existing 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the northwest side of the Jule Operations and Training Center (JOTC). The sidewalk will be widened to a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail. This segment is approximately 780 feet long. (3) the addition of two 5-foot-wide, one-way bike lanes on 11th Street and 9th Street. The 11th Street bike lane will be 820 feet long and the 9th Street bike lane will be 430 feet long.

Dubuque County Conservation Board, Heritage Trail Hard Surfacing. In 2021, DMATS had awarded \$500,000 in TAP funds to the Dubuque County Conservation Board for the Heritage Trail Hard Surfacing Project. The project scope proposed hard surfacing a portion of the trail between the Heritage Trail Head at Rupp Hollow Rd to the Durango, Iowa Trail Head. The Dubuque CCB had been unable to complete the project and had inquired about moving the project to a different location on the west end of Heritage Trail. Because of the change in project scope, DMATS staff had instructed the Dubuque CCB to resubmit their application with the new location. The Dubuque CCB submitted an application for hard surfacing a portion of the Heritage Trail beginning at the Dyersville, Iowa Trail Head and east toward Farley, Iowa.

Application Summary

The table below summarizes the applications received.

Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Total Project Cost	TAP Funds Requested
City of Asbury	Asbury West Trail Extension	Construct multi-use trail, on-street bike route, and sidewalk	\$675,000	\$250,000
City of Dubuque	Bee Branch Trail Phase 2 Downtown Bike Lane.	Construct multi-use trail, widen existing sidewalk to a multi-use trail, on-street bike lanes	\$308,471	\$214,588
Dubuque County Conservation Board	Heritage Trail Hard Surfacing	Hard surfaces a section of the Heritage Trail	\$685,000	\$500,000

Available Funding

Funding for the DMATS TAP program comes from an annual suballocation of the State of Iowa's federal Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funds. DMATS has approximately \$540,000 in TA Set-Aside Funds for the FFY 2024-2027 funding cycle and the additional \$500,000 that was previously awarded to the Dubuque County Conservation Board for the Heritage Trail Hard Surfacing project.

Application Review and Ranking

Applications were reviewed by DMATS staff and the Iowa DOT. The review found that all applications met the minimum requirements established in the program guidelines. Application ranking was not required as the total amount requested was less than the total amount available.

Conclusion

This memo includes a summary of the applications submitted for the DMATS Transportation Alternatives Program and the results of the review process. DMATS staff recommend that the DMATS Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board consider the applications submitted for DMATS TAP funding awards.