

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Melissa Sonnek, City Planner**
Date: **March 23, 2020**

Authorization of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Staff is proposing to apply for a federal grant as a part of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Dakota County Active Living has agreed to pay for a grant writer to assist the City in preparing the grant application. Although not required as part of the application process, Staff is recommending that Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the solicitation of the two grants. Staff is requesting approval for the grant application for a combination of trail/sidewalk along Thompson/Oakdale Avenues. This segment has been identified as a high priority gap in Dakota County's Bike/Pedestrian Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant application is for an 80/20 cost share. Since Thompson and Oakdale are both County roads, the county would likely share a cost of the project if the grant is awarded.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve the resolution supporting the City's grant application.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Map of Project Area