



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 21, 2020

Re: Authorizing the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The funding request will be for the North Stadium Boulevard Sidewalk Project (I-70 to Primrose Drive).

## Discussion

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides federal funds for infrastructure projects that aid in non-motorized transportation, and is administered through MoDOT. The application is due January 29, 2021, with funding available in the summer of 2021.

Staff has identified the North Stadium Boulevard Sidewalk Project as a needed improvement that is eligible for this funding opportunity. This sidewalk project will include construction of a concrete sidewalk to fill in sidewalk gaps along the west side of North Stadium Boulevard (Route E) in northwest Columbia. The south end of the proposed sidewalk will start at the existing sidewalk at the Stadium Boulevard overpass of Interstate 70 (diverging diamond), and the north end of the proposed sidewalk will start at the existing sidewalk at the Break Time gas station. There is existing sidewalk along the Columbia Independent School property, the Three Creeks condominium property, and a commercial property on Primrose Drive. The existing sidewalk will also be evaluated for ADA compliance and sidewalk panels or curb ramps that are not in compliance will be repaired.

The proposed sidewalk will provide connectivity for Columbia Independent School, the Three Creeks condominiums, and Valley View Garden subdivision, and will connect to Columbia Mall and various other shops and restaurants south of Interstate 70. In addition, the Cosmopolitan Recreation Area and LA Nickell Golf Course are located along the east side of Stadium Boulevard. Through a separate project, the City is designing a midblock street crossing that crosses Stadium Boulevard near the Columbia Independent School that will connect this sidewalk to the Cosmo Fitness Trail in the park.

If approved, staff will submit the funding application for the total project cost (design, right-of-way, utilities, and construction) for construction of the sidewalk. Staff will request the federal funding match of 80 percent with the City's match of 20 percent. The anticipated total project cost estimate is \$352,000. Funding for the City's 20 percent match will be funded by the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax. The project is included in the City's 2012 Sidewalk Master Plan and is included as a project in the CIP Planning document for construction in the 3 to 5-year timeframe.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Funding for the City's 20 percent match is anticipated to be \$70,400.

Long-Term Impact: Sidewalks will be maintained by the adjacent property owners.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the application to MoDOT for the Transportation Alternative Programs (TAP) funding for the North Stadium Sidewalk Project (I-70 to Primrose Drive).