



City of Lathrup Village
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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: October 20, 2025
RE: SEMCOG Safe Streets Now (TAP) Grant Support

Background Brief: The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive federal grant program managed by MDOT and SEMCOG that funds projects, such as access to transit, traffic calming, signals/beacons, medians, ADA compliance, crosswalks/visibility enhancements, and end-of-life sidewalk improvements. Safe Streets Now applications are due November 7, 2025, for projects that are scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2027.

Based on a SEMCOG Road Safety Audit that was completed in September 2024, there are enhancements that could be made along 11-Mile to improve safety for pedestrians and drivers alike.

Our project application would include tree removals, signage, pavement markings, and replacement of deteriorated curb sections.

While TAP grants can fund up to 80% of construction activities, it is customary for applicants to increase the amount of local contribution to offer a more competitive application. The staff recommends that the City contribute a local match of 30% for the eligible pedestrian improvement items. The City would be responsible for 100% of the costs associated with non-eligible items, such as engineering.

Funding decisions are anticipated in early December 2025.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: NOTE – As of Friday (10/17), City Engineers were still finalizing the plan sheet and detailed cost breakdown, but were able to provide the City with rough numbers. The plan sheet and cost breakdown are expected Monday (10/20) morning and will be added to the online packet once received.

The estimated construction cost for this work would be \$200,000.
30% Recommended City match would equal \$60,000
Non-grant eligible costs (design/construction engineering) \$50,000

Total cost to the City is ~\$110,000

NOTE: If the project is awarded, this cost would be included in the FY 27 budget, fully funded from the Major Street Fund.

The recently approved State of Michigan budget did include an increase in road funding dollars for local entities. In FY 26, the State is projected to increase Lathrup Village's share of road funding dollars by \$202,400. The most recent audit noted the fund balance for the Major Street Fund to be ~\$894,000. However, we anticipate being closer to the \$700,000 range after the recently approved/completed EB 11-Mile paving project.

The Major Street Fund does not have any other substantial projects planned until FY 29.

Recommendation: I recommend supporting the grant application.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by _____ seconded by _____ to approve the support of the SEMCOG Safe Street Now TAP grant application for 11-Mile crosswalk, visibility, signage, and curb enhancements.

Kelly Garrett
Mayor

Bruce Kantor
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

Maria Mannarino
Council Member