



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, October 27, 2020
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Transportation Alternatives Grant Letter of Intent.
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>MnDOT District 8 is currently soliciting for 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant applications. The TA grant is an 80-20 grant to match program that provides funds for ped and bike facilities, historic preservation, Safe Routes to School, and more. The last project that the City had funded through this program was the RRFB school crossings project which is scheduled for construction in 2022.</p> <p>For several years there has been discussion about providing a direct trail link between trail at the intersection of C Street and Progress Drive down to Southview Drive. Included in the Council packet is a preliminary route and cost estimate to complete this work. With the new elementary school being constructed, now seems like a good time to investigate this option.</p> <p>City Engineering and Community Services Department staff have met with Marshall Public Schools staff to begin preliminary discussions about this project. At this point in time, City staff would propose a partnership that generally splits grant match costs with Marshall Public Schools, with the City providing engineering services. Preliminary cost estimates show a \$43,000 City cost participation and \$29,000 school district cost participation.</p> <p>There is no project commitment at this stage in the grant process. If the City submits a letter of intent, we are not bound to complete the application process. This is simply a preliminary step in the MnDOT Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) grant process to gauge preliminary interest and help assess projects for grant eligibility. Staff will need to come back to the City Council at a later date to request a resolution of support for submittal in the final grant application. Staff would propose to revisit with City Council once the grant application is generally completed but not yet submitted.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	There is no fiscal impact today. City staff will return for a resolution of support at a later meeting. If we are awarded a grant, we will be notified in Spring 2021. In today's dollars, our cost estimate for City participation is \$43,000 in cash with the City also providing the services for grant application, project design, project permitting, and construction administration.
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	No alternative actions recommended.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	that the Council authorize staff to submit the grant letter of intent and continue work on the full grant application for this project.