

Downtown Development Authority of City of Madison Heights

Memorandum

Date: October 20, 2025

To: Downtown Development Authority Board Members

From: Giles Tucker, Community Development Director

Subject: SEMCOG "Safe Streets Now" TAP Grant- 11 Mile Streetscape Area

SEMCOG is administering a one-time "Safe Streets Now" call for project due November 7th 2025. This grant opportunity is for "shovel-ready" projects that enhance the safety and access for bicyclists and pedestrians. City Planner Matt Lonnerstater has suggested that a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crossing System be included as a part of the City's overall application for this opportunity. This opportunity requires a 20% grant match, which will be covered through City road funds.

The proposed grant would include (1) RRFB in the DDA streetscape area either on Townley or Delton rough as depicted in the images included along with the memo. RRFB were considered as an option within the 11 Mile Streetscape to enhance pedestrian safety but were ultimately not included in the project due to budget constraints as the cost of a single RRFB system is roughly \$30,000.

Staff Recommendation

City staff is asking that the DDA board authorize the DDA Executive Director to offer a letter of support along with this application on behalf of the DDA board.