



AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/2/2025

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Kevin Jump, PE – City Engineer

SUBJECT: Resolution 61-25-26 - A resolution authorizing the appropriate City officials to enter into a State/Municipal Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Carbon Reduction Program project, New Jersey Avenue Trail (South Taylor Drive to Riverpark Road).

ISSUE

Should the Public Works Committee recommend entering into the Agreement?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends entering into the Agreement.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021 established a Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). This new federal program provides funding for projects reducing transportation emissions and requires states to develop comprehensive carbon reduction strategies.

In the summer of 2024, City staff applied for the WisDOT-managed Federal Carbon Reduction Grant and, in April 2025, were notified the City was awarded \$1,086,199.20. Under the accompanying State Municipal Agreement, the City is required to provide a 20% match, \$271,549.80, bringing the total project budget to \$1,357,749.00. These matching funds will be programmed in upcoming budgets before design begins.

Project Scope

- Construct a fully separated pedestrian path linking the South Taylor Drive trail (built with federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program funds) with the new Kiwanis Park trail, which ties into the existing network serving nearby residential and commercial districts.
- The project corridor will also be equipped with trail lighting matching the fixtures used on other recent installations, enhancing safety and visibility.

Alignment with CIP

- New Jersey Avenue roadway improvements are scheduled for 2027 in the City's Capital Improvement Program.
- Coordinating the Pedestrian Trail Project with the New Jersey Avenue roadwork maximizes cost efficiencies and minimizes community disruption by completing both scopes simultaneously.

Community Benefits

- Closes a critical gap in Sheboygan's non-motorized network.
- Connects local businesses, housing areas, athletic complexes, and riverfront parks

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- Enhances safety, encourages active transportation, and strengthens regional connectivity

By leveraging grant funding, matching dollars, and smart scheduling, this project will deliver a seamless, safe, and efficient trail link serving residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

FUNDING IMPACT

Funding will be included in future budgets.

IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

City staff will program the required match into the upcoming budget. Before year-end, we will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) and select a design consultant, with the resulting contract scheduled for Council approval in early 2026.