


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-050	Meeting:	February 8, 2021
	Agenda Item:	39	Roll Call:	[]
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AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing submittal of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) / Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Set-Aside Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

SYNOPSIS:

The MPO is currently soliciting project applications for TAP funds for FY 2025. Staff recommends that the City submit a grant application for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 2 project as detailed below.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Local matching funds for this project are included in the FY 2025 and FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) or will be included in future CIPs, if the applications are successful.

Funding Source:

TAP (STBG Set-Aside) Funds:

1. Central Place Levee Trail, Phase 1

TAP Grant Funding Previously Requested	\$0
TAP Grant Funding FY 2025 Request	\$500,000
TAP Grant Funding Future FY 2026 Request	\$500,000
Iowa DOT FRT and or SRT Grant Funding Future Request(s)	\$300,000
Total Project Cost	\$2,300,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The MPO will award STBG and TAP Program funds to transportation projects throughout the region.

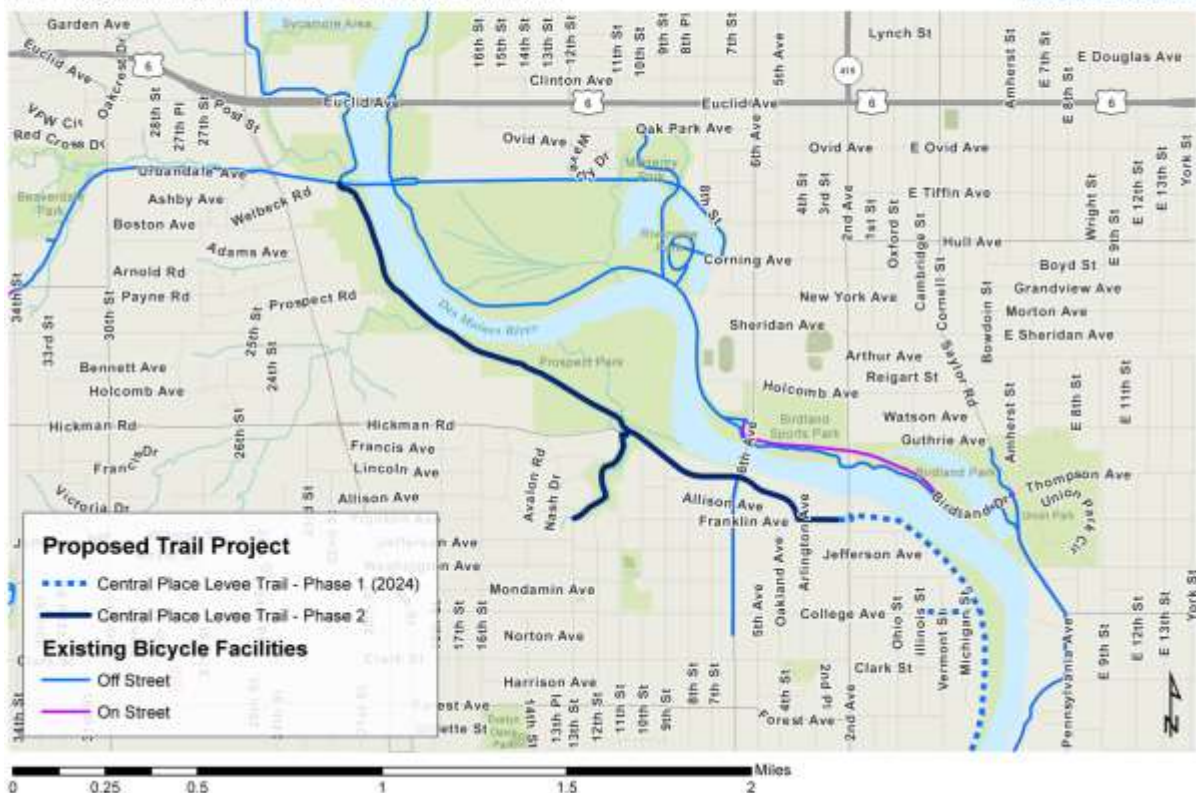
- The MPO is currently soliciting project applications for TAP for FY 2025. The TAP applications must be submitted to the MPO by February 26, 2021. Each year, approximately \$1.2 million is available in TAP funding for the Greater Des Moines region.
- Informed by LiveDSM, the Parks and Recreation Department’s comprehensive plan, and the Future Core Bike Network from MoveDSM, the City of Des Moines’ Transportation Master Plan, the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 2 is an equity-focused project that will serve an area experiencing among the highest degrees of disadvantage across the City per the MPO’s 2020 Environmental Justice Area mapping and analysis.
- This project includes constructing approximately 2.1-miles of new multi-use trail section along the west bank of the Des Moines River and City right-of-way between the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Franklin Avenue and the intersection of the Inter-Urban and Trestle to Trestle multi-use trails. The new trail spine will be a 10-foot wide asphalt or concrete section, approximately 1.8-miles in length. An approximate 0.3-miles long neighborhood service trail spur will be an 8-foot wide asphalt or concrete section. The project is estimated to cost \$2,300,000. The City plans to request \$500,000 in FY 2025 TAP funds. The City also plans to submit grant applications for FY 2026 TAP funding and Federal Recreational Trails (FRT) Program and or State Recreation Trails (SRT) Program funding in the future.

Central Place Levee Trail Phase 2 (~2.1 miles)

Phase 2 Eastern Terminus: 215 Franklin Ave, Des Moines, IA 50314

Phase 2 Western Terminus: Inter-Urban Trail (41.6245, -93.6464)

Phase 2 Neighborhood Spur Terminus: 1829 13th Street, Des Moines, IA



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 21, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-2083](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Fiscal Year 2025 applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). ([Council Communication No. 20-551](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of project agreements with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

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