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Common Council Item Number: #22-3821	Date: 3/21/2022
Submitted By: Ron Grall, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Melissa Lipska, Parks & Forestry Operations Manager	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Diane Vandebush-Kohlmann, Interim Finance Director DVK	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Recommend approval of a Resolution to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry to apply for a DOT TAP Grant for design and construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over State Highway 59 at the Fox River Trail.	

Details: The Wisconsin DOT offers Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grants. These grants are intended for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, particularly in urban areas where safety is a concern. These grants are competitive and require a 20% match from the municipality. The application requires a resolution allowing the Director to apply. If granted, approved funds are reimbursed upon completion. At this time, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry wishes to complete an application for the 2022-2026 grant cycle, for design and construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over State Highway 59 at the Fox River Trail. The current Fox River Trail underpass at HWY 59 is closed a minimum of three months per year due to flooding and so users must cross the six lanes of highway traffic.

Options & Alternatives:

If the Resolution is not approved, the grant application cannot be submitted with the WI DOT.

Financial Remarks:

The City would have to include in a future CIP budget the 20% match requirement. 80% of the design and construction costs would be covered by the grant.

Executive Action:

Recommend approval by Common Council of the Resolution to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry to apply for a DOT TAP Grant for a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over State Highway 59 at the Fox River Trail.

Committee Recommendation:

Approval of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board, with recommendation for approval to the Common Council.

