



Engineering Department

DATE: May 18, 2021

FROM: Gabe Schell, City Engineer

ITEM: Ash Coulee Dr and Tyler Parkway Trail Project

REQUEST

Consider acceptance of North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding on behalf of Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD)

Please place this item on the 5/25/2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of Bismarck applied on behalf of BPRD to the NDDOT for federal funding through the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program for a trail project on Ash Coulee Dr and Tyler Parkway (see location exhibit below).



The NDDOT has awarded this project to the City of Bismarck on behalf of BPRD with federal TA funds up to a maximum of \$290,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 funding for construction. BPRD would be responsible for all engineering and project match costs. BPRD will consider acceptance at their May 20, 2021 meeting. If accepted, a cost participation and maintenance agreement would be generated by the NDDOT closer to bid award. At that time, BPRD and the City of Bismarck would enter into a companion agreement assigning the maintenance and cost responsibilities to BPRD. These agreements would be brought to the respective Boards at a future date.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

Acceptance of TA funds for Ash Coulee Dr and Tyler Parkway Trail project contingent on Bismarck Parks and Recreation District acceptance of the same.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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The Honorable Steve Bakken
Mayor of Bismarck
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Bismarck, ND 58506

Subject: Ash Coulee & Tyler Parkway Trail Project

Congratulations on the recent award of Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds for your Ash Coulee & Tyler Parkway Trail Project for construction in 2024. A list of the prioritized projects is enclosed.

The federal aid project will be funded with 80.93% federal TA funds up to a maximum of \$290,000. These funds are for construction costs only.

Because of the high demand for TA funded projects, please notify us by June 30, 2021, that the local finances needed to plan and design this project are available.

It is presently planned that this project be developed, bids taken, and constructed by the end of the 2024 construction season. To meet this date, we encourage you to start project development and work towards a plan completion date between December 1, 2023, and March 15, 2024.

The TA funds are for federal FY 2024 and these funds must be authorized by FHWA before the end of the fiscal year. The latest date that a completed set of plans can be submitted to the NDDOT is August 15, 2024. If you do not meet this date, your award of funds may be rescinded.

The process for the development of DOT projects shall be used and I will be able to assist you in the development of your project.

Once again, please notify us by June 30, 2021, what the wishes of the city of Bismarck are regarding this project. You can contact me at 701-328-4787 if you have any questions.

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Enclosure

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