



Engineering Department

DATE: 6/1/2021

FROM: Gabe Schell, City Engineer

ITEM:

Bismarck Expressway Sidewalk Project

REQUEST:

Consider acceptance of North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding for Bismarck Expressway Sidewalk Project

Please place this item on the 6/8/2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The NDDOT has awarded the City of Bismarck Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding for a Bismarck Expressway sidewalk project between 18th Street and 26th Street as per the enclosed correspondence from NDDOT. The City Commission approved this project request at their September 22, 2020 meeting ([hyper link here](#)). Funding is 80.93% federal share up to a maximum of \$250,883 of construction costs for the 2023 federal fiscal year. Engineering and/or right of way would not be eligible for federal aid and would be the 100% responsibility of the City of Bismarck.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Acceptance of TA funds for Bismarck Expressway sidewalk project.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

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The Honorable Steve Bakken
Mayor of Bismarck
PO Box 5503
Bismarck, ND 58506

Subject: Bismarck Expressway Pedestrian Facility Project

Congratulations on the recent award of Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds for your Bismarck Expressway Pedestrian Facility Project for construction in 2023. 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 \$250,883. 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 2023 construction season. To meet this date, we encourage you to start project development and work towards a plan completion date between December 1, 2022, and March 15, 2023.

The TA funds are for federal FY 2023 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, 2023. If you do not meet this date, your award of funds may be rescinded.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

C: Gabe Schell, Bismarck City Engineer
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