



Engineering Department

DATE: October 5, 2021
FROM: Gabe Schell, City Engineer
ITEM: Endorsement of Bismarck Parks and Recreation District application for NDDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant

REQUEST:

Consider endorsing a Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD) grant request for two (2) projects for the NDDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Please place this item on the October 12, 2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is soliciting local public agencies for projects as part of their Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program. BPRD would like to submit a grant application for the following NDDOT TA grants:

- South Washington Trail – South Meadows Park to General Sibley Park
- Hay Creek Trail – Lilac Lane to 26th Street staircase

The scope of the south Washington Street trail would be to extend the trail from South Meadows Park to General Sibley Park and Campground. The trail extension would be approximately 4,568 linear feet or 0.86 miles of new trail.

The Hay Creek Trail would be a rehabilitation project that would begin at Lilac Lane to the 26th Street staircase. A map of the proposed project locations is attached.

If awarded, the BPRD would enter into a companion agreement with the City of Bismarck and assume all responsibilities for local matching dollars and maintenance of the improvement. The year of construction would be 2025.

The BPRD Board approve the submittal of these applications at its meeting held on September 16, 2021. A letter from Kevin Klipfel, Executive Director with BPRD is attached.

All TA applications will be scored and prioritized by the MPO Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee prior to being presented to the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and MPO Policy Board. Additional information on the TA program can be found at the NDDOT's website below:

<https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/localgov/ta.htm>

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Endorse BPRD application to the MPO for the NDDOT TA grant.

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September 27, 2021

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Dear Gabe:

At the September 16, 2021 Park Board meeting, the Board of Park Commissioners approved applying for the following Transportation Alternative (TA) grants:

The first proposed project is an extension of the South Washington Trail from South Meadows Park to General Sibley Park and Campground. The trail extension would be a 10' shared use asphalt trail that will begin at Meridian Drive and continue south to Sibley Park for approximately 4,568 linear feet, or .86 miles.

The second proposed project is a trail rehabilitation project of a portion of the Hay Creek Trail from Lilac to the 26th Street staircase.

A map of the project locations is included. If approved, the grant projects would be constructed in 2025. Bismarck Parks and Recreation District is requesting approval of the projects by the Bismarck City Commission and then the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, so they can be submitted to the ND Department of Transportation. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 222-6455.

Sincerely,



Kevin Klipfel
Facilities and Programs Director

Cc: Randy Bina, Executive Director
Dave Mayer, Operations Director
Kathy Feist, Finance Director

A nationally accredited park and recreation agency.

Our Vision

Be the leader and premier provider of public parks, programs, facilities and leisure services.

Our Mission

Work with the community to provide residents and visitors the highest quality park, program, facility and event experience.

Core Purpose

Provide affordable, accessible, and sustainable public park and recreation services.

Our Values

Accountability	Diversity
Collaboration	Integrity
Community	Professionalism

Location Map

