

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 20-21/004

SUBJECT

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a legislative program that was authorized in Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (or "FAST Act"), the federal transportation act that was signed into law on December 4, 2015. In order to obtain a grant that covers 80% of a project cost the local unit of government must pass a local resolution authorizing the use of this program for projects that receive a grant award.

REQUEST

To approve the use of TAP grant funds for our Highway E grant application if awarded the project.

PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION

Eau Claire County has a bicycle and pedestrian plan that identifies needed improvements in the county. One of these projects is Highway E from the Dunn County line to the City of Eau Claire. This improvement will provide a wider paved shoulder along 4.65 miles of Highway E making it safer for bicyclist and pedestrians. If awarded the grant the project wouldn't be completed until 2024.

Fiscal Impact: \$122,300.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Johnson
Highway Commissioner

4 SUPPORTING THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM TO
5 RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING FOR CTH EE IMPROVEMENTS
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7 WHEREAS, The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a legislative program that
8 was authorized in Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (or "FAST Act"), the federal
9 transportation act that was signed into law on December 4, 2015; and
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11 WHEREAS, a resolution of support must be passed by the County Board in order to receive
12 grant funds from this program application; and
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14 WHEREAS, an application has been submitted for the improvement of highway EE from
15 the Dunn County line to the City of Eau Claire according to the Eau Claire County Pedestrian and
16 Bike Plan; and
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18 WHEREAS, the local cost share for this project will be 20% of the total project cost. The
19 estimated project cost is \$611,500.00 of which The county will be responsible to pay for
20 \$122,300.00 if we accept the grant.
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22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
23 hereby supports the Transportation Alternatives Program application by improving Highway E for
24 4.65 miles by widening and paving the shoulders of the highway.
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27 I certify that the foregoing correctly represents the
28 action taken by the undersigned committee on April
29 2nd, 2020 by a vote of ___ for, ___ against.
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35 Ray Henning, Chair
36 Highway Committee
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39 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2020.
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