
**MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant

Date: August 8, 2013

Bi-State Regional Planning Commission is requesting submittals of candidate projects for the Quad Cities Transportation Alternatives Program funds. It is estimated that there is \$573,276 in TAP funds for the Illinois Quad Cities through fiscal year 2017. Eligible projects include construction of on- and off-road trail facilities for bikes and pedestrians and construction of infrastructure projects eligible under the Safe Routes to School program, among others. Eligible applicants include local and state governments and transit agencies. Non-eligible project sponsors, such as the School District, may partner with the eligible applicant. The TAP program requires a minimum total project cost of \$100,000 with a 20 percent local match. Proposed projects are evaluated on connectivity to existing facilities, inclusion in local plans, level of local support, etc. The grant application deadline is August 16.

CED staff proposes to apply for TAP funding for the following projects:

1. ***Installation of a pedestrian beacon at 11th Street and 10th Avenue intersection.***
 - a. The Safe Routes to School Plan for Rock Island Academy and Francis Willard Schools identifies the creation of traffic controls at crosswalks.
 - b. The proposed pedestrian beacon was included in a 2011 Safe Routes to School grant application; however this project was not among those funded by that program.
2. ***Installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps at 10th Avenue intersections from 9th to 12th Streets.***

The total estimated cost of the proposed projects is \$105,921. If awarded, the required local match is \$21,184.

The proposed projects will enhance roadway safety by creating a safe crossing at 11th Street and providing a safe sidewalk route for all pedestrians, including those with disabilities. Installation of a signalized crossing beacon would also improve the comfort level of parents in allowing their child to walk to school and would also benefit the general public wishing to walk rather than drive to their destinations.

Recommendation: CED requests that the City Council authorize submittal of the TAP grant application and provide a letter of support for the above listed projects.

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Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager



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Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

August 12, 2013

Dear Quad Cities Transportation Alternatives Program Committee:

This letter is in support of the City of Rock Island's request for funding from the Quad Cities Transportation Alternatives Program. The City of Rock Island's request would fund the following projects to improve safety and walkability in the neighborhood surrounding Rock Island Academy:

- Installation of a signalized pedestrian beacon at 11th Street and 10th Avenue intersection.
- Installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps at 10th Avenue intersections from 9th to 12th Streets.

If awarded, the City of Rock Island accepts responsibility for the adequate maintenance and operation of the improvements for a minimum of ten years following project completion.

In addition to being supported by the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan for Rock Island Academy, the proposed projects will enhance roadway safety by creating a safe crossing at 11th Street and providing a safe sidewalk route for all pedestrians, including those with disabilities. Installation of a signalized crossing beacon would also improve the comfort level of parents in allowing their child to walk to school and would also benefit the general public wishing to walk rather than drive to their destinations.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Pauley
Mayor
City of Rock Island