

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Charles Richter, City Engineer

**Council Meeting:** September 27, 2022

**Subject:** Resolution 22-079: Transportation Alternatives Grant Program Application Authorization

**Person(s) Responsible:** Charles Richter, City Engineer

## **Summary:**

The resolution would authorize the City Manager to sign and submit a \$460,000 Transportation Alternatives Grant Program Application to construct a Shared Use Path and Enhanced Crosswalk on 12<sup>th</sup> Street South.

## **Background:**

The section of 12<sup>th</sup> Street South between 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue can be challenging for pedestrians to cross at certain times of the day. This section of roadway which runs alongside Mickelson Middle School and the Brookings Boys and Girls Club has crosswalks located at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, but no mid-block crosswalk where most children are often seen crossing the street. This portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Street South is particularly busy with school-age children during school pickup and drop-off.

## **Item Details:**

The Transportation Alternatives Grant Program (TAP) is a state grant program administered by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) which provides grants to communities to assist with construction of pedestrian friendly infrastructure.

The City is planning to utilize this program to obtain funding to construct a shared use path and enhanced crosswalk for 12<sup>th</sup> Street South from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The shared use path would be eight (8) feet wide and installed along the northern side of this section of the street, connecting Mickelson Middle School to the Brookings Boys and Girls Club and the Allyn Frerichs Trail on 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The proposed crosswalk would include a narrowing of the road at Southland Avenue to provide for a shorter crossing for pedestrians along with rectangular rapid flashing beacons which are push-button operated when pedestrians are ready to cross.

## **Legal Consideration:**

None.

**Strategic Plan Consideration:**

Fiscal Responsibility – The City will receive 80% of the project construction cost from the grant.

**Financial Consideration:**

The total construction cost for this project is \$460,000, of which the grant would cover \$368,000 (80% of the total cost) and the City would be responsible for \$92,000 (20% of the total cost).

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a study session
5. Discuss / take no action / table

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Memo

Resolution

Map