Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding Round 4 (FY21-22)

SNHPC TAC Meeting March 18, 2021

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Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Eligible Activities

- Eligible activities fall into four categories:
 - Construction, planning, & design of on/off road facilities for non-motorized transportation.
 - Construction, planning, & design of infrastructure for vulnerable transportation user groups.
 - Abandoned railroad ROW conversions to trails for non-motorized transportation.
 - Infrastructure devised from safe routes to school program activities. (Under §1404 of SAFETEA-LU)

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- Federal Funding Available in TAP Round 4:
 - Total TAP Federal Funding is \$7.92M

\$5.39M pass-thru NHDOT
Trans. Alt. Program (State)
\$2.53M for NH Trails Bureau
Recreational Trails Program





\$2.69M unrestricted by population

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Competitive Funding Program

- NHDOT received 41 Letters of Intent from 40 potential applicants statewide:
 - Demand for TAP projects far greater than funds
 - Total LOI federal funding request is \$29.64M
 - Total available federal funding only \$5.39M
 - Of the 41 proposed TAP projects, as few as six may be selected for funding by NHDOT.
 - This is less than one project per RPC.



SNHPC TAP DRAFT Timeline

- **February 5, 2021-** TAP Letters of Intent received from towns.
- February 11, 2021- TAC applications released by NHDOT.
- FRIDAY MARCH 19, 2021- TAP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE.
- April 2021- TAP Applications checked for eligibility by SNHPC staff and ranked by TAP Evaluation Sub-committee. This is followed by TAC recommendation and MPO approval of project ranking.
- May 2021 NHDOT scoring and final ranking submitted to NHDOT Commissioner.
- June 2021 Final list of TAP projects approved by NH DOT Commissioner for award.
- August 2021 Governor & Council approval of TAP funding award.



TAP Project Evaluation Process

Letter of Intent to apply for TAP funding were received from the following towns:

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- Derry

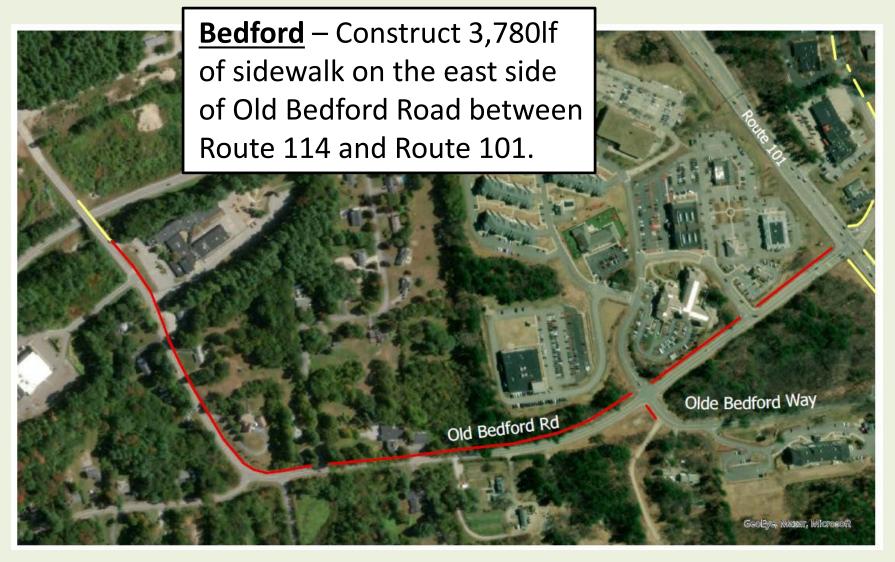
- Goffstown

-Manchester - New Boston

- Windham

The projects, as described in the submitted Letters of Intent, are as follows:







Town of Derry – Construct a 1,900lf extension of the Derry Rail Trail between Madden Road and the Londonderry town line.





Cost: \$165,600.00 Length: 1,200 feet South Mast Street From: Wallace Road using estimate of \$138/LF as recom To: Park Lane Proposed Sidewalk Goffstown High School

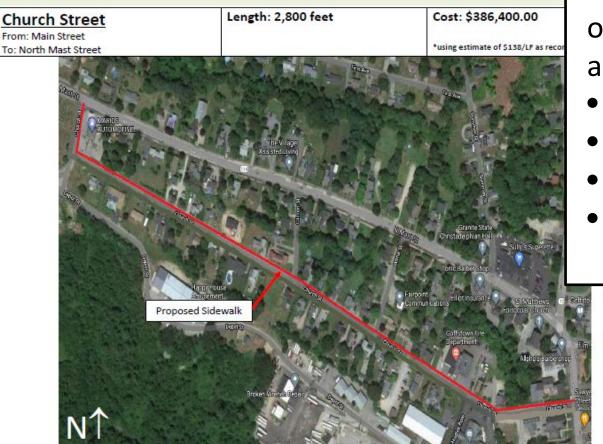
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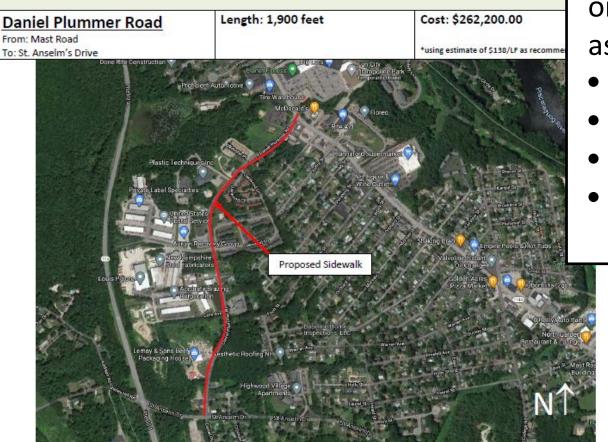
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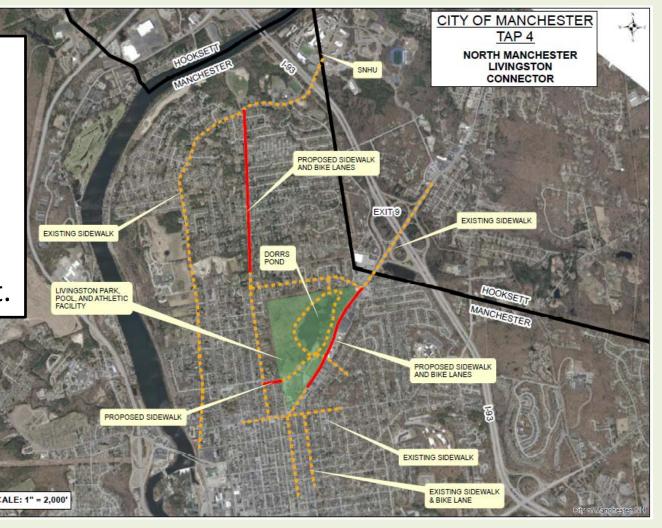


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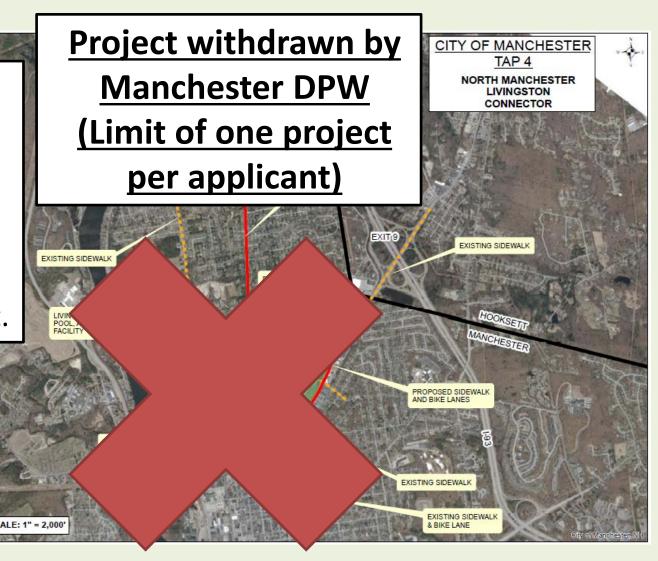
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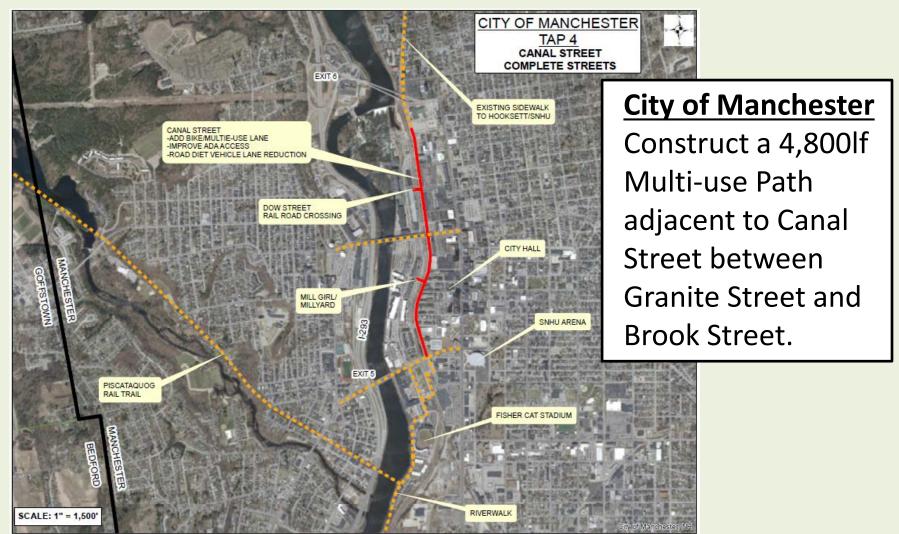


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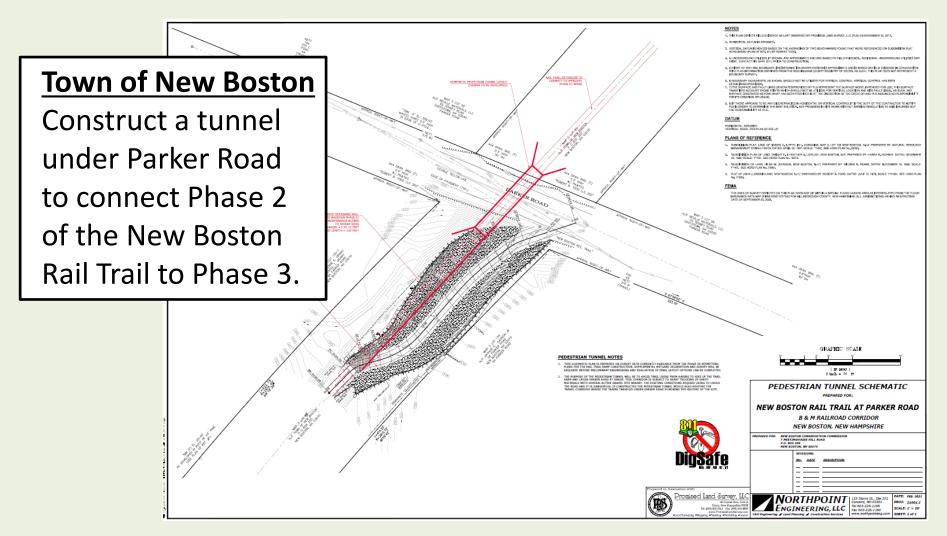
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- Traditionally, the TAP Evaluation Sub-committee is composed of TAC members who represent municipalities or agencies that did not submit TAP Letters of Intent.
- SNHPC STAFF IS SEEKING 3-5 TAC MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE TAP APPLICATION EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE.
 - Sub-committee to meet (virtually) between April 5th to 9th at a time that works for all volunteers. May take 2-4 hours.



SNHPC TAP Evaluation Criteria (Seeking TAC Recommendation)

TAP FUNDING ROUND 4 PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

			(From Round 3)
Category		Description	Weighting
Potential for Success		What are the factors that will indicate a project application's likeliness to succeed?	37%
Sub-Criteria (Potential for Success)	Project Readiness & Support	Is the project part of any local and regional plans, and has it been endorsed by local and regional bodies/advocacy groups? Does the project have support amongst diverse constituents (e.g. Selectboard/Council, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Bike/Ped/Trail Advocacy Groups)?	6%
	Financial Readiness	Is there a written commitment to bring this project forward for local match funding approval at Town Meeting, through Capital Reserve funds, or from inclusion in a Capital Improvement Plan? Are any local/private funds already raised/appropriated and dedicated to the project?	18%
	Feasibility	Are there any historical, cultural, environmental, maintenance, or other issues that may impact the project's ability to succeed?	13%
Safety		To what extent will the project improve safety conditions and/or reduce the perception of user stress as a result of the project being implemented?	24%
Sub-Criteria (Safety)	Level of Stress Analysis	What is the current level of stress versus the predicted future level of stress (when the proposed project is completed)?	10%
	Improve Safety Conditions	What specific safety improvements will be made as part of the project, and how will these improvements provide a safety benefit as compared to current conditions? Does the project implement the recommendations of any objective, safety-related study (e.g. Road Safety Audit, Corridor Study, etc)?	14%
Project Connectivity		Does the project fill a vital gap in an existing infrastructure network? Does the project provide a facility that links important origins and destinations together?	24%
Socioeconomic Benefits		To what degree does the project provide opportunities to enhance the quality of life and provide transportation options for underserved communities (e.g. minority populations, low income populations, limited-english populations, etc)?	10%
Multi-Modal Connectivity		To what extent does the project facilitate connections between multiple modes of transportation (e.g. walking, biking, transit, rail, air, etc)?	5%



Questions?