



**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin and City Council Members

**FROM:** Justin Swinford, Interim City Engineer  
Shannon Beranek, Civil Engineer I

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS  
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS  
(Bakers Lane Shared-Use Path)**

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**Introduction**

On behalf of the City, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is applying for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant for a proposed Bakers Lane Shared-Use Path. The attached resolution authorizing the RPC to apply on behalf of the City is a required part of the application, due November 2.

**Discussion**

ITEP grants are offered through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The grant will fund up to 80% of a project. The purpose of ITEP grants are to provide funding for community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects our transportation infrastructure. Applications are competitive.

The proposed Bakers Lane Shared-Use Path would connect Main Street and Washington Street in Urbana and be located adjacent to the east side of Weaver Park. The path would provide essential bicycle and pedestrian linkages to Dr. Williams Elementary School, the Kickapoo Rail Trail, Champaign County offices, and several low-income neighborhoods. The majority of the path would be located on City right-of-way, with part of the path on Urbana Park District property at Weaver Park, for which they have provided preliminary support.

This project was chosen for the ITEP grant application as it is expected to be the best fit for the program requirements and City needs. ITEP scoring prioritizes both multi-modal transportation options and community impact. The project location has a dearth of connectivity, especially for transit-oriented biking, and is located in a community development target area. While mentioned in the Bicycle Master Plan and

Pedestrian Master Plan, this project is not currently scheduled in the Capital Improvement Plan. Without grant assistance, this project competes with several urgent capital projects, including implementing the recommendations from the Facilities Master Plan. The Urbana Park District has also been exploring improvement to Weaver Park and this project would serve the additional benefit of leveraging and coordinating public resources across different governmental bodies to improve services and outcomes

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimated project cost would be \$242,387.50. If awarded the ITEP grant, the City's share of the costs would be \$48,477.50. While this project was not included in the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan, there are sufficient monies available in the sidewalk maintenance fund to support this project.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that Council support the application and approve the attached resolution.

**Attachments**

Project Map

Project Cost Estimates

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10-054R**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS  
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS**

**(Bakers Lane Shared-Use Path)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana has expressed its commitment to the establishment of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the City, as illustrated by its participation in the preparation and adoption of the Urbana Bicycle Master Plan, Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan, Champaign County Greenways & Trails Plan, Prairie Campus Safe Routes to School Plan, Weaver Park and East Urbana Kickapoo Rail Trail Extension Study, and the Champaign-Urbana Long Range Transportation Plan 2045, and authorizing design and construction to begin on the Bakers Lane Shared-Use Path; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana agrees to the responsibility of acquisition, development, and management of a shared-use path on the currently undeveloped Bakers Lane right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana recognizes the benefit of this shared-use path for providing an efficient linkage to the existing surface transportation systems between East Main Street and East Washington Street for the benefit of students of the Prairie Campus, neighborhood residents, and local employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana recognizes the benefit of this shared-use path for providing a safe, off-street transportation option for students of the Prairie Campus, neighborhood residents, and local employees; and

**WHEREAS**, additional agencies support the City of Urbana in constructing this shared-use path including, but not limited to the Urbana Park District and Urbana School District; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is now available through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for the development and improvement of pedestrian and bicycle facilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council, of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

The City Council supports the application that the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission will submit on behalf of the City of Urbana for ITEP grant funds for the purpose of financing a portion of the project costs of the proposed Bakers Lane Shared-Use Path project and the execution of any subsequent documents related to the submission of the grant application.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this Date day of Month, Year.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR** this Date day of Month, Year.

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Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

# Bakers Ln Multi-use Path



**Legend**

- Multi-use Path 
- Property lines 

Length = 2640 ft

Length = 82 ft

Total Path Length = 2722



