

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. PPM-2021-46
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 13, 2021
Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa and Tallgrass Prairie Center)	\$ 586,037
Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)	\$ 221,050
NE 2nd Street Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project (Stuart)	\$ 81,000
3rd Avenue Middle/High School Rec Central Trail Link (Audubon)	\$ 42,000
Total	\$ 930,087

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:				Vote	
	Aye	Nay	Pass		
Moved by <u>Tom Rielly</u>	<u>x</u>	_____	_____		
Seconded by <u>Charese Yanney</u>	<u>x</u>	_____	_____		
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Statewide Iowa's Transportation Alternatives Program
Funding Recommendation



Statewide Iowa's Transportation Alternatives Program

- **Current version of former Transportation Enhancement program that has existed since 1991.**
- **Majority of funding is distributed to Iowa's RPAs and MPOs with \$1 million reserved for statewide projects**
- **Eligible activities include:**
 - On-road and off-road non-motorized trail facilities, safe routes for non-drivers, conversion of abandoned rail corridors for trails, preservation/rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities among others
 - Federal Recreational Trails Program eligible activities
 - Infrastructure-related or non-infrastructure related Safe Routes to School Projects (if local TAP funds are used as well)
 - Scenic Byways (if local TAP funds are used as well)

Project Evaluation Criteria

- **Statewide or multi-regional impact of the project (35 points)**
- **Degree of enhancement of the quality or utility of the state surface transportation system (20 points)**
- **State or multi-regional tourism benefits (10 points)**
- **Degree of statewide or multi-regional planning implemented (35 points)**

Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Estimated FY 2021 Appropriation: \$10,764,227**
 - \$1,374,817 set aside for Recreational Trails.
 - Half (\$4,694,705) reserved for local projects, half stays at the state level.
 - The set-aside for Statewide TAP is \$1,000,000
 - Remaining \$3,694,705 of state level funding is reserved for eligible local projects:
 - Transportation Alternatives Program
 - Highway
 - Bridge
 - Transit

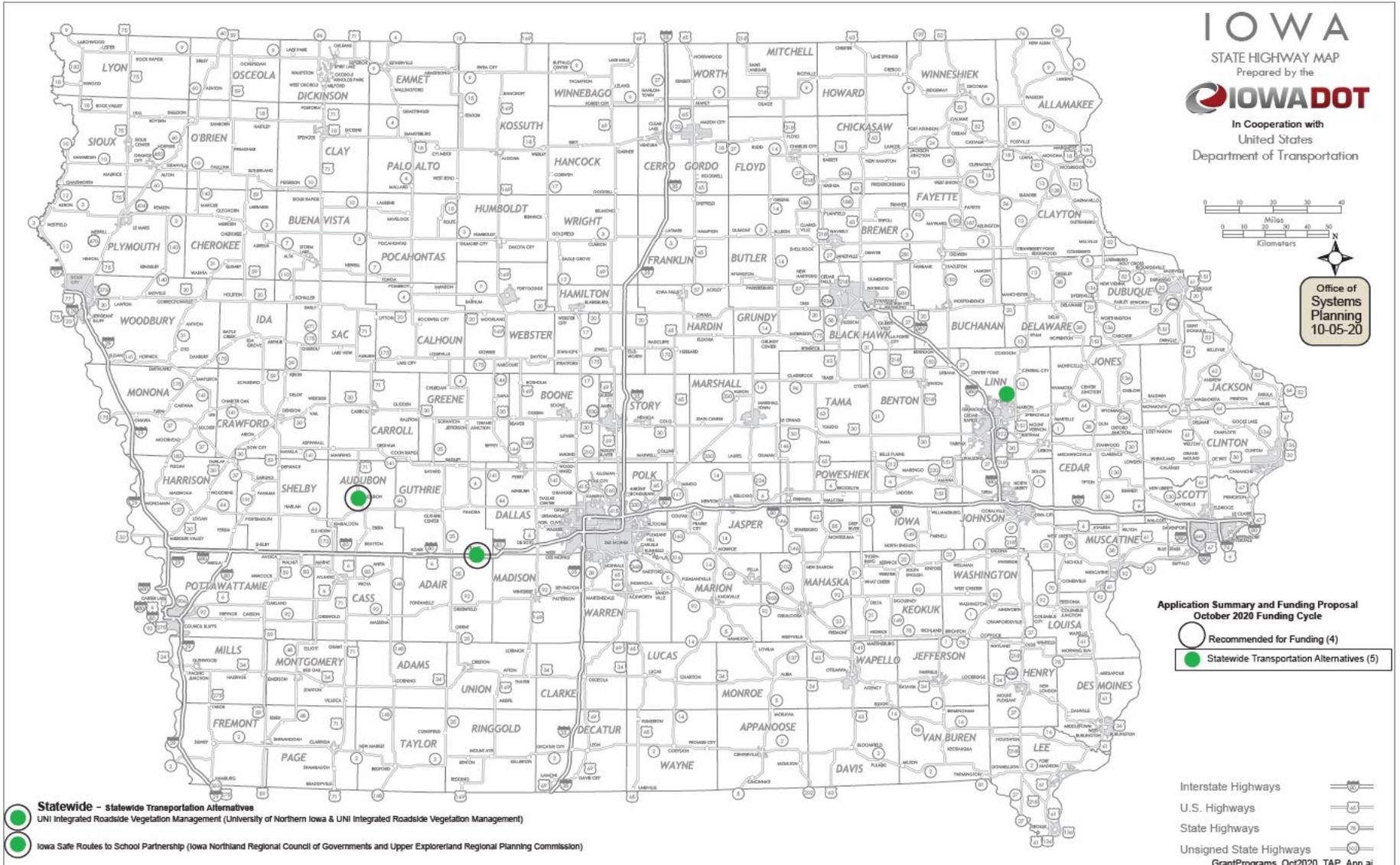
Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Available Funding:**
 - Statewide Iowa's TAP funds available: \$1,000,000
- **Application Summary**
 - Total number of projects: 5
 - Total project costs: \$2,525,256
 - Total amount requested: \$1,280,087

List of Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management</u>	University of Northern Iowa/Tallgrass Prairie Center	90	\$1,128,944	\$586,037 (52%)	\$586,037 (52%)
<u>Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership</u>	Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments	85	\$276,312	\$221,050 (80%)	\$221,050 (80%)
<u>3rd Avenue Middle/High School Rec Central Trail Link</u>	Audubon	20	\$140,000	\$42,000 (30%)	\$42,000 (30%)
<u>NE 2nd Street Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project</u>	Stuart	20	\$270,000	\$81,000 (30%)	\$81,000 (30%)

Map of Applications Received





QUESTIONS?



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UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa/Tallgrass Prairie Center)

Native grass and wildflower seed are to be planted in county road or city (population < 10,000) rights-of-way. This allows counties and cities that apply Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management to more cost effectively establish native roadside vegetation for habitat, biodiversity, erosion control and improved hydrology across Iowa's landscape.



Total Cost: \$1,128,944
Requested: \$ 586,037 (52%)

Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)

A comprehensive program that provides support to communities by implementing SRTS initiatives, including pedestrian and bicycle safety education through encouragement activities both inside and outside the classroom.

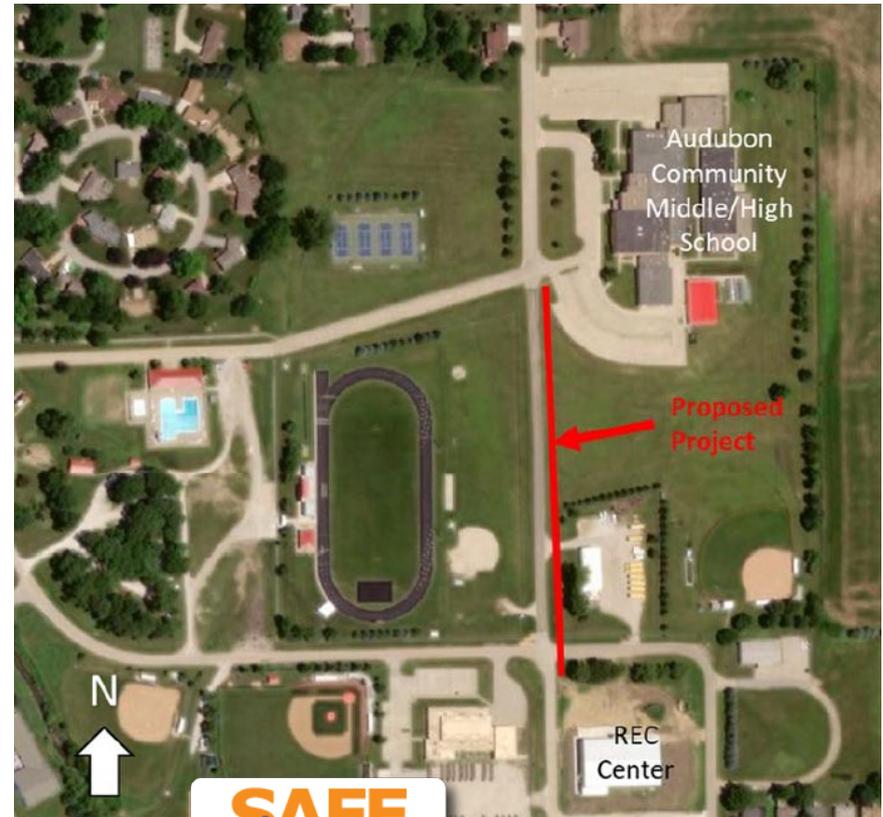
Total Cost: \$276,312
Requested: \$221,050 (80%)



3rd Avenue Middle/High School Rec Center Trail Link (Audubon)

This project would construct a sidewalk along 3rd Avenue from the Audubon Middle/High School to the Audubon Rec Center in support of providing a safe route to school for middle schoolers and assisting K-8 students accessing after school programs after being bussed to the school.

Total Cost: \$140,000
Requested: \$42,000 (30%)

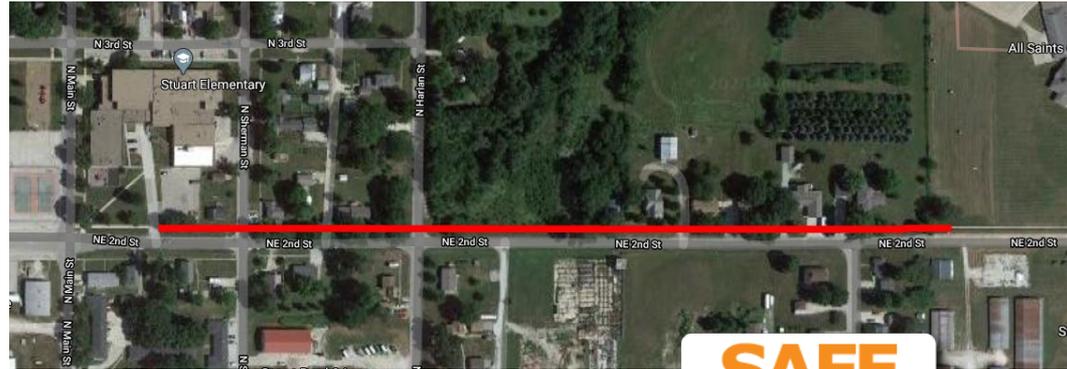


NE 2nd Street Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project (Stuart)

This project will construct a sidewalk along NE 2nd Street to the West Central Valley Stuart Elementary School. The project will connect three residential neighborhoods to the elementary school and help with additional connectivity to various points of interest in the community.

Total Cost: \$270,000

Requested: \$ 81,000 (30%)



List of Applications Not Recommended for Award

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Grant Wood Trail Paving: Waldo's Rock Park to Oxley Road	Linn County Conservation	20	\$710,000	\$350,000 (49.30%)	\$0