



CITY OF AVON

EXHIBIT A

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April 7, 2021

City of Avon Project Funding Requests – Surface Transportation

1. Type of Project - Multi-Use Path
2. Name of Project – LOR-CR0606-09.98 (French Creek Greenway Phase 1)
3. Location of Project - Avon, Ohio
OH-07
French Creek Road – from Sheffield Village Corp to Detroit Road
4. Project Sponsor - City of Avon
5. Sponsor Point of Contact - Mayor Jensen, 440.937.7803, bjensen@cityofavon.com
6. Project Description – 10’ multi-use trail. The project is the initial phase of the French Creek Greenway, which has been planned and presented in the Avon Local Schools Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Travel Plan as well as the Avon-Sheffield Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan as it provides a safe facility that connect to many local and regional destinations.
7. Amount Requested –
 - a. \$595,637 (to have federal funds reach 80% of total)
 - b. \$211,409 Local Matching funds
8. Total Project Cost – \$1,057,046.50 – directly from STIP
9. Sources of Funding for the non-Member designated share of the cost of the project –
10. Project Phase – Planning and Environmental Review
11. NEPA Category of Action – Categorical Exclusion
12. Status of Environmental Review – Pre-review
13. A description of the process that will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project – The City will post a public announcement of the project on the City’s website. The notice will summarize the project and request public comment. Additionally, the City will host a public meeting and will review
14. Has the project received federal funding in the past? – yes
15. Has the project applied for US DOT discretionary grants in the past? - no
16. Letter(s) of support from state, local government, or non-federal sponsor – see attached.
17. Is the project on the state, Tribal or territorial transportation improvement program – yes – page 700 – link to follow
<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/stip/stip-2021-2024/current-stip>
18. Is the project on the metropolitan transportation improvement plan? – yes – added via referenced memo – links to follow
<https://www.noaca.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=25165>
<https://www.noaca.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=24895>
19. If funding is provided for this project, can it be added to the STIP/TIP in a reasonable timeframe – N/A as it is already included.
20. If the project is not included on the STIP/TIP, is the project on a regional or statewide long-range transportation plan? - N/A as it is already included.



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Honorable Bob Gibbs
Ohio's 7th Congressional District
110 Cottage Street
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Re: Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act
Member Designated Transportation and Infrastructure Project Request
French Creek Greenway Phase 1
City of Avon, Ohio

Dear Representative Gibbs:

Please accept this letter as a testament to the City of Avon's enthusiastic support for the above referenced project. The Avon City Council, Administrative Department Heads and Police and Fire Chiefs join me in expressing our full commitment to seeing this project through to its successful completion. The benefits that this project will provide to not only the City of Avon, but Lorain County, are numerous and we are anxious to see them come to fruition.

The project is being developed in cooperation with the Lorain County Metro Parks as a regional multi-modal transportation improvement project that will enhance active transportation and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to several community destinations. This project is the first step in the implementation of the City of Avon / Sheffield Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan which identified French Creek Greenway as the spine of a multi-purpose trail network that would traverse across Avon and create direct connections into Sheffield Village and its planned routes into the Lorain County Metro Park's French Creek Reservation. The trail will begin near the Avon Corporation Limit and extend along the frontage of French Creek Road for 1.1 miles before taking an off-road alignment for an additional 0.9 miles through an undeveloped wooded property recently acquired by the Lorain County Metro Parks via the Ohio Public Works Clean Ohio program. The ultimate destination of the proposed path is the City of Avon owned Avon Isle Park, which is adjacent to eastside of the Lorain County Metro Parks parcel. The Avon Isle facility provides adequate parking for path users, a community center that hosts multiple community events each year and access to State Route 254 (Detroit Road) which is in the heart of the French Creek Historic District. As time and resources allow the Park property will be developed with additional amenities and will serve as a destination onto itself for people utilizing the trail.

The proposed project, currently in the planning stage, is the first phase of a multi-modal transportation facility that is safe for users, residents and the traveling public which connects people to desired destinations throughout the Avon and Lorain County community while promoting active transportation. The project is a result of a Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) planning grant and then a second TLCI grant for construction of the facility provided by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) which noted the trail's focus on being a regional improvement project. The off-road trail will be the spine of the Greenway and once in place will spurn future projects which will broaden the trail network by filling gaps in the current pedestrian system to



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reach isolated subdivisions and connect municipal assets, such as Avon High School, Avon Early Learning Center, and the Miller Nature Preserve, Avon Aquatic Facility, Veteran's Memorial Park, business / commercial areas along Chester Road and the Cleveland Clinic's Avon Hospital at Richard E. Jacobs Campus.

The City of Avon has demonstrated and continues to be willing to carry out the project and has the ability for the necessary funding to be obligated within the time period set forth within the State Transportation Improvement Plan. Avon is financially committed to the construction of this improvement and is progressing project development forward on schedule, with intent to finance the portion of the project that exceeds the funding that has been pledged by NOACA to make this important project a reality for the betterment of our City, its residents, and visitors.

Additional federal funding for this project will allow the City to address other important infrastructure improvements, such as the additional trail connections noted, within our community that will improve the quality of life for residents of Avon and all of Lorain County. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bryan Jensen

Cc: Avon City Council
John Gasior, Law Director
William Logan, Finance Director
Duane Streater, Safety Director
Mike Farmer, Service Director
Ryan Cummins, P.E. City Engineer