

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.
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SUBJECT: MnDOT Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant Application
DATE: November 21, 2023

BACKGROUND.

The application for the MnDOT Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant is due November 30, 2023. This grant program will help our community create a comprehensive active transportation plan to identify a safer way for our residents to walk and bicycle to destinations where they live, work and play. Active transportation plans will:

- Analyze existing conditions
- Engage the community
- Identify ways to improve infrastructure
- Identify ways to encourage active transportation

The Community does not receive funding directly from MnDOT, the community receives services from a selected MnDOT consultant. The consultant provides monthly reports, and we review them to ensure progress on plans. There are no match requirements for this Planning Assistance Grant.

Awards will be announced in January 2024, begin work in spring 2024, expect to finish work by June 2025.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION.

The City Council is asked to support the submission of an application to MnDOT for the active transportation planning assistance grant to plan for future biking and walking trails in the City of Cannon Falls.