

# CITY OF WASHINGTON

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

301 Walnut St. · Washington, IL 61571

Ph. 309-444-1135 · Fax 309-444-9779

<http://www.washington-illinois.org>

[joliphant@ci.washington.il.us](mailto:joliphant@ci.washington.il.us)

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee  
FROM: Jon R. Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director  
SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives Program Project Consideration  
DATE: August 3, 2018

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission recently announced a call for projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). These funds come from the Federal Highway Administration and are administered through IDOT. TCRPC is accepting applications through September 21 with an announcement of awards tentatively anticipated in December. TCRPC is looking to obligate about \$290,000 each year for FY 18-20. As with past TAP cycles, engineering, utility relocations, and construction are eligible for 80/20 funding and right-of-way acquisition is eligible for 50/50 funding. The City has previously received funding through TAP for the two phases of the W. Cruger/N. Main recreation trail extension between N. Cummings and Washington Middle School.

Staff has considered two possible projects: 1) Converting the existing 4' wide sidewalk on Business 24 between Cummings and Gillman to an 8-10' wide multi-use path; or 2) Construct new sidewalk (between 4-6' in width) on Business 24 from Gillman as far east as funding would allow to close the gap between the existing sidewalk near Mt. Vernon Plaza. There may be others to consider as well.

Staff looks to receive feedback on a potential project application at the August 6 Public Works Committee meeting.