

Town of Holland TAP Application for Phase 1 – County Road MH Trail

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1. Project Description and Overview:

History and Overview – The Town of Holland has a long history of proactively accommodating bicycle and pedestrian needs to improve quality of life and accessibility for its residents. More recently in December 2022, Holland adopted the “Holland Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan”, which builds from the 2021 Comprehensive Plan and lays out a strategic vision for an expanded active transportation network. Out of this plan, a top priority for Holland is a separate multimodal path along County Road MH/McHugh Road. This TAP application is to assist with funding for Phase 1 work to build bicycle and pedestrian facilities adjacent to and north of County Road MH for ~1/2 mile.

Project Description – County Rd MH is an east-west road that connects schools, community facilities, parks and natural areas, and multiple residential neighborhoods. Phase 1 represents separated multimodal facility on the east portion of the network between Briggs Rd (east) and Sunrise Ln (west). Phase 2 will comprise the west portion of the corridor between Sunrise Ln and County Rd XX. Phase 2 is being applied for in separate TAP application.

2. Project Planning & Preparation & Local Support:

Previous planning processes have accounted for recommended improvements on the County Rd MH Trail. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) *2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan* identifies recommended bike/ped improvements to County MH between County Rd XX and Holmen Dr N on page 4-25. In 2021, Holland adopted the “[Town of Holland Comprehensive Plan](#)”, which includes a number of goals and action items focused around improving multi-use trail expansion and community connectivity. Lastly, Holland adopted the “[Holland Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#)” in December 2022, which identifies projects and implementation strategies to support the statement: “By 2040, bicycling and walking will be a safe, accessible, and connected activity for people of all ages and abilities throughout the community.”

3. History of Sponsor Success, Deliverability and Commitment to Multimodal:

History of Sponsor Success– Holland is committed to investing in outdoor recreation and multimodal trails and has a vision to “provide a safe, efficient, and economically sound transportation system that meets the needs of all its residents, businesses and visitors.” As well, is dedicated to committing resources toward planning and engineering analysis to determine practical solutions to suit the community. In 2004 Holland completed a 4.5-mile crushed limestone multiuse trail (Holland Bluff Multiuse Trail) that parallels USH 53 and County Rd HD. In 2023, Holland was awarded TAP funds to pave their portion of the trail and in this TAP funding cycle, the Village of Holmen is applying for assistance to pave their portion. The two communities continue working together on maintaining and improving shared multimodal infrastructure. Deliverability– If awarded, work will begin in 2025 and will be completed within a just timeline to meet any state and federal policies. WisDOT region staff have been consulted regarding ROW permits and do not anticipate any issues, obstacles, or delays. The Town of Holland is committed to provide a 20% local match, as evident in their local resolution. LAPC, WisDOT Region, and County of La Crosse staff will continue to support the effort to ensure the project meets timelines and complies with TAP requirements. Commitment to Multimodal– The Town of Holland is a member of the LAPC, who has adopted a “Complete Streets” resolution. Multimodal capacity is a theme in Holland planning efforts and this project provides important bicycle and pedestrian accessibility to segments that currently have no safe or effective options aside from motorized vehicles.

4. Project Utility & Connectivity:

This project will be an improved, separated (asphalt paved) multiuse trail adjacent to and north of County Rd MH. This will provide important connections to the existing multimodal system in Holland, Holmen, and the regional trail system. For the portion of project that will run under the USH 53 overpass, a 6-ft retaining wall will be installed. Project Serves Utilitarian Purposes– The County Rd MH Trail – Phase 1 will improve safe bike/ped access to the Holmen businesses, residential areas, parks, and benefit Holmen Public Schools. Connectivity to the State’s Multi-

modal Transportation Network– This project provides connectivity to the state’s multimodal network and is consistent with Goal 4 of WisDOT’s Connect 2050 plan, recommending “Increased options, connections, and mobility of people and goods.” Project improvements will also support anticipated goals of the Statewide Active Transportation Plan. Project Connects Land Uses– Residential and corridor including commercial (Holmen business district), residential (houses, subdivisions), recreational (parks, open spaces), and institutional (schools).

5. Project Benefit:

Environmental Benefit– Traffic counts on County Rd MH span between 3,100 and 3,800, but currently there is no shoulder or protected infrastructure between Briggs Rd (Holmen High School) and Sunrise Ln. Corridor improvements for this project will offer safe and accessible alternatives to driving and promote cycling and walking in the area. Economic Justice Benefit–

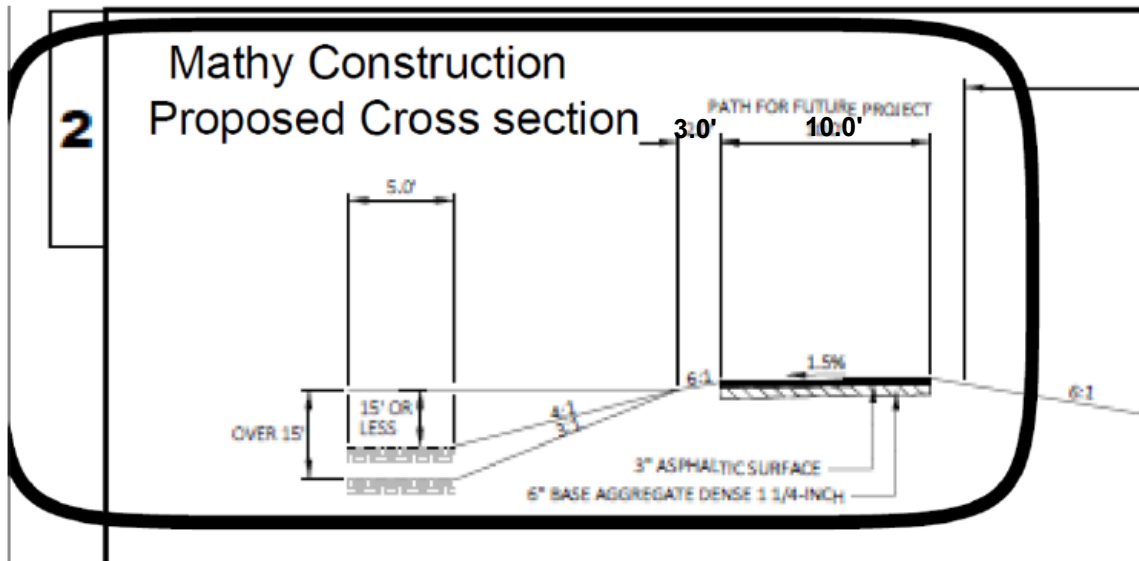
The project addresses economic justice by providing improved bike/ped access to Holmen public schools and adjacent neighborhoods, which serves students of all incomes and abilities.

Public Health Benefit– Completion of Phase 1 & Phase 2 of this project will add active transportation infrastructure where there currently is none. The projects will add recreational and utilitarian capacity to connect residents with Wildflower Park, Holland Sand Prairie Natural Area, Holmen High School, Boys and Girls Club Community Center, and a retail and commercial area.

The Holland Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan notes that “McHugh Road (County Rd MH) was the top location where kids reported not feeling safe”. Safety Benefit – Per the [Wisconsin](#)

[Community Crash Maps](#), over the past ~10 years (beginning Jan. 2013), there were ~38 crashes with 11 injuries along County Rd MH, between Briggs Rd and Sunrise Ln. Importantly, 58% (22) of these crashes involved teen drivers. This shows the increasing need for a safe, alternative multimodal option for students when they are traveling to and from school, jobs, and recreational activities.

Economic Development Benefit – The MH Trail will create connections for residents and visitors to local businesses on each end of the facility.





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October 11, 2023

Bob Stupi
Chairman
Town of Holland
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Re: Letter of Support for the Town of Holland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Proposal

Dear Mr. Stupi,

Please accept this letter in support of the Town of Holland's grant application for funding to assist in the installation of a bicycle and pedestrian path along the north side of County Road MH. This path would connect the Town of Holland to Holmen High School, Holmen Middle School, and many other destinations in the Village of Holmen and improve the safety of our students traveling this route by bicycle or foot. This path would be beneficial to many of our students and families, as well as the greater Holmen community, including the Town of Holland.

The School District understands the Town is seeking grant funding in hopes of helping to finance the bicycle and pedestrian path plan. Please know the School District of Holmen strongly supports the Town in this effort.

Please feel free to include this letter of support along with your grant application materials, as the School District of Holmen wishes to be on record in full support of the Town of Holland's grant request.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Respectfully,

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October 12, 2023

Mr. Bob Stupi, Town Chair
Town of Holland, Wisconsin

Re: Letter of Support for the Town of Holland's County Hwy. MH Bike Path Creation Proposal

Dear Mr. Stupi:

The Village understands that the Town is seeking grant funding in hopes of helping to finance the creation of a new bike path along County Hwy. MH, West of the Village of Holmen. Please know the Village of Holmen strongly supports the Town of Holland in this effort, as the goal of providing safe pedestrian and bike access between our communities, complements the Village's own goals of doing the same.

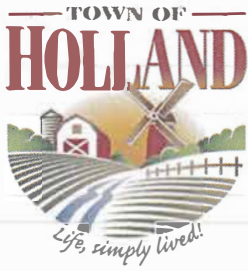
Thus, please feel free to include this correspondence along with your grant application materials for any phase of development that proposes the goal of creating a new bike path along County Hwy. MH, as the Village of Holmen wishes to be on record in full support of the Town of Holland's grant request, and proudly acknowledges the Town's leadership in advancing this effort to improve safer connectivity between our two communities.

Thank you for our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Heinig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "S" and a long, trailing "g".

Scott Heinig
Village Administrator



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October 9, 2023

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
TAP Grant Committee Members

RE: Support for the Town of Holland's Bike & Pedestrian Project #9 (MH) Project

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to express our support for the two applications (Phase 1 and Phase 2) to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for grant funding to install a bicycle and pedestrian path along the north side of County Road MH (referred to in their Town Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as Project #9).

The Town Park Committee and Town of Holland Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee both identified this project as a high priority from the 2022 Town of Holland Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The proposed path would connect the residents in the Town of Holland to the Holmen High School, Holmen Middle School and to other Village of Holmen parks and businesses. The proposed project would also improve safety for residents traveling within the Town. Therefore, we support moving forward with the MH path as a two phase project.

Please accept this letter of support to fund the County Road MH project.

Sincerely,

Nikole Hauser, Chair
Park Committee
Bike & Pedestrian Committee



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Robert Stupi, Town Chair
Town of Holland

RE: Letter of Support for the Town of Holland's Bike & Pedestrian Project #9 (MH) Project

Dear Chair Stupi:

On behalf of the Friends of the Holland Sand Prairie (FHSP), we would like to express our support for the two applications (Phase 1 and Phase 2) to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for grant funding to install a bicycle and pedestrian path along the north side of County Road MH (referred to in their Town Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as Project #9).

The FHSP is proud to partner with the Town of Holland in maintaining the 61 acre conservancy south of County Road MH. Once part of a vast series of sand prairies on terraces of the Upper Mississippi River, the Holland Sand Prairie is one of the last large sand prairie remnants of its kind remaining. In addition to school tours, the public is welcome to hike the prairie and learn about the biodiversity in this region. Improving access to the property would enhance the use by all community members.

Please feel free to include this letter along with your grant application materials, as we wish to go on record in full support of the Town of Holland's grant request.

Sincerely,

Peter Putnam
President
Friends of the Holland Sand Prairie

Joseph Langeberg, PE
Highway Commissioner

Keith Back
Assistant Commissioner

Jay Anderson
Highway Engineer



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October 10, 2023

Subject: **Town of Holland TAP Project**

Bob Stupi,

The La Crosse County Highway Department is aware of the application by the Town of Holland to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for grant funding to install a bicycle and pedestrian path along the north side of County Road MH (referred to in their Town Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as Project #9) as a two phase project.

The Highway Department supports bike and pedestrian facilities adjacent to county road facilities and we will work with the Town of Holland on trail implementation, if approved.

Please feel free to include this letter along with your grant application materials for full support of the grant request.

Sincerely,

Joseph Langeberg, PE
Highway Commissioner

TOWN OF HOLLAND

RESOLUTION 2023-4

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A
GRANT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT PHASE 1 OF
A BICYCLE AND PEDISTRIAN PATH ALONG COUNTY ROAD MH**

WHEREAS the Town of Holland is applying for a Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternative Program grant to fund Phase 1 to construct a bicycle and pedestrian path along County Road MH, from Sunrise Lane to Briggs Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Holland recognizes that WisDOT reimburses project sponsors for the Federal share of 80% of the approved TAP project costs, up to the limit of the Federal award amount. In light of the minimum twenty 20% match requirement, the Town of Holland commits to securing the matching funds if the project is awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Holland does hereby support applying for grant funds under the Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternative Program to construct Phase 1 of a bicycle and pedestrian path along County Road MH in the Town of Holland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Town of Holland is awarded funding by WisDOT for the 2023-2025 TAP award cycle the Town of Holland is authorized to and agrees to accept the award and enter into all necessary agreements with WisDOT for the above-referenced project and commits to securing the matching funds if the project is awarded funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Holland agrees to comply with all applicable laws, requirements and regulations as outlined in the WisDOT 2023-2025 TAP application materials, the state-municipal agreement between WisDOT and Town of Holland, and any other program and/or project documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Chair and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to perform all duties to effectuate this resolution.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2023.

APPROVED BY:


Robert Supak, Town Chair

POSTED ON:

10/12/23
Date

ATTEST:


Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk

Attachment E - Preliminary Cost Estimates

Item	Unit	Quant	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Phase 1 quant. @ 40%	Phase 1 Cost	Phase 2 quant. @ 60%	Phase 2 Cost	Assumptions
Common Excavation	CY	2,152	\$10.50	\$22,596	860.8	\$9,038	1,291.20	\$13,558	14-wide disturbance/2 ft deep
Base Aggregate Dense 3/4-Inch	CY	1,076	\$19.01	\$20,455	430.4	\$8,182	645.6	\$12,273	10 ft width, 1 ft depth
Asphalt	TON	2,178	\$114.78	\$249,991	871.2	\$99,996	1,306.80	\$149,995	10 feet wide, 0.5 ft depth
Geotextile Type C	SY	9,035	\$3.59	\$32,436	3614	\$12,974	5,421.00	\$19,461	Width of trail +2' on either side
Retaining wall <6 ft	FT	200	\$1,400	\$280,000	200	\$280,000			retaining wall under bridge
ADA Ramps	EA	8	\$7,000	\$56,000	2 (1 at Sunrise)	\$14,000	6 (3 intersections)	\$42,000	4 intersections, 2 ramps per intersection *only along existing roads
Storm Sewer:									
Storm Sewer Pipe	LF	5,808	\$69.94	\$406,212	2,323.20	\$162,485	3,484.80	\$243,727	
Inlets	EA	20	\$2,015.06	\$40,301	8	\$16,120	12	\$24,181	one inlet every 300'
Manholes	EA	5	\$2,294.65	\$11,473	2	\$4,589	3	\$6,884	one manhole at each 5 intersections (Pedretti, Pine, Garden Sunrise, Briggs)
Lump Sum Items:									
Landscaping/Turf -10%	LS	1		\$111,946	1	\$60,739	1	\$51,208	
Signing/Markings -10%	LS	1		\$111,946	1	\$60,739	1	\$51,208	
Drainage- 10%	LS	1		\$111,946	1	\$60,739	1	\$51,208	
Const. Contingency- 20%	LS	1		\$223,893	1	\$121,477	1	\$102,416	
Total Participating Construction Estimates				\$1,679,195		\$911,077		\$768,118	
Misc., Engineering:									
Const. Engineering	LS	1		\$120,000	1	\$60,000	1	\$60,000	
State Review, Const. Engineering	LS	1		\$60,000	1	\$30,000	1	\$30,000	
Total Construction Estimates				\$1,859,195		\$1,001,077		\$858,118	

Phase 1:	Phase 2:
1 st priority	2 nd priority
2,760 ft	4,373 ft
0.52 mi	0.83 mi
40%	60%

Phase 1 - Federal Share of the Participating Const. Cost (80%)	\$728,861
Phase 1 - Local Share of the Participating Const. Cost (20%)	\$182,215

Phase 1 - This TAP application is asking for 80% (Federal) of Total Project Construction Cost	\$800,861
Phase 1 - The applicant commits to funding 20% (Local) Total Project Construction Cost & any design costs	\$200,215

Design Costs (100% Local):	Total:			Phase 1		Phase 2	
Design Plan Development	LS	1	\$120,000	1	\$60,000	1	\$60,000
Design State Review	LS	1	\$60,000	1	\$30,000	1	\$30,000

- Phase 1 - Sunrise Ln to Briggs Rd
- Phase 2 - Sunrise Ln to Cty Rd XX
- Public Parks

0 125 250 500 Feet

Sunrise Ln.

53

MH

Briggs Dr.

GAYNORS
ROLLING
HILLS PARK

Holmen High School

Phase 1 Holland Multiuse Path Project Limits

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NATURAL AREA

- Phase 1 - Sunrise Ln to Briggs Rd
- Phase 2 - Sunrise Ln to Cty Rd XX
- Public Parks



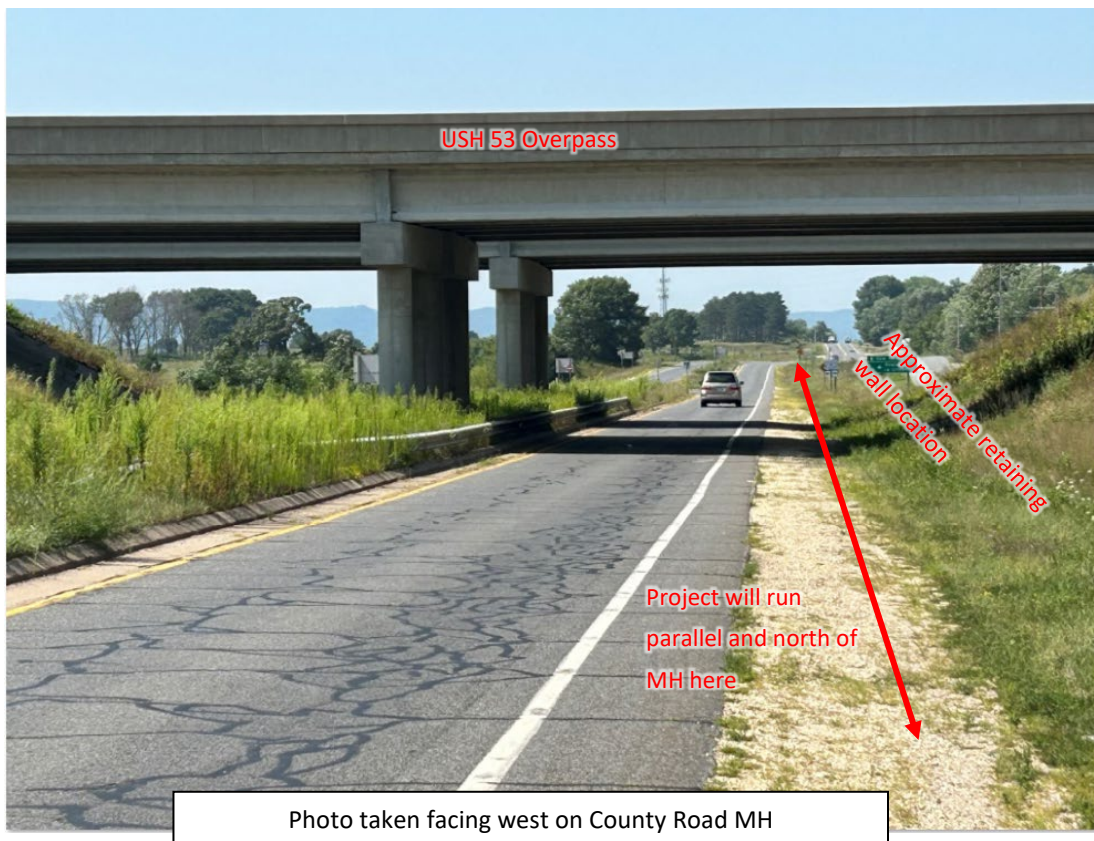




Photo taken facing southwest at the Briggs Rd/County Rd MH Roundabout



Photo taken facing east at the Briggs Rd/County Rd MH Roundabout

Disclaimer: These renderings are for informational purposes only and are not to be use for exact estimations.