

Village of Holmen's TAP Application for Phase 2 – Holland Bluff Multiuse Trail

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1. Project Description and Overview:

History and Overview – In 2004 the Town of Holland completed a 4.5-mile crushed limestone Holland Bluff Multiuse Trail (HBMT) that runs parallel to USH 53 and County Road HD. Over the years, the Village of Holmen has annexed property and now approximately 2.5 miles of the trail are within the Village of Holmen’s jurisdiction. The two communities continue working together on maintaining and improving the 4.5-mile trail. Town of Holland was previously awarded a WisDOT TAP Grant in 2023, for Phase 1 of the project, to pave the northern, approximately 2-mile portion of the trail. This TAP application is to assist with funding for Phase 2, paving the multiuse trail within the Village of Holmen’s jurisdiction. Project Description – This application by the Village of Holmen is requesting funding assistance for Phase 2 of the project – the southern portion of the Holland Bluffs Multi-Use Trail (HBMT). The project will involve paving the existing crushed limestone multi-use trail, improving it to a ~1.8 mile separated 8-ft wide shared-use trail running along County Road HD/Holmen Drive North. The trail will be 8-ft wide to be consistent with all other trails in Holmen for maintenance purposes. The asphalt paving project (HBMT Phase 2) will begin at the northern terminus, Bluffview Court and extend southerly adjacent to County Road HD/Holmen Drive North for approximately 9,800 linear feet (~1.8 miles) to where the existing crushed limestone trail intersects with County Road MH/East McHugh Road. The HBMT connects to the Holmen business district, schools, and provides access to additional trails. The HBMT provides a safe and healthy alternative mode of transportation for visitors and residents of the Town of Holland and Village of Holmen. The trail provides residents/students a safe route for biking/walking to the Prairie View Elementary School, Holmen High School, and Holmen Middle School, as well as access to places of employment, commercial businesses, parks, and scenic rural areas.

2. Project Planning & Preparation & Local Support:

In 2016, the Village adopted the *Holmen Comprehensive Plan*, which has a strong emphasis on improving the efficiency, safety, and equity of bike/ped facilities. This project is consistent with the goals and objectives in Chapter 2. Specifically, on page 30, a collaboration/partnership strategy states, “Jointly plan transportation and trail (bicycle and pedestrian) improvements and connections between the Village and neighboring communities.” As well, the *Town of Holland Bike and Pedestrian Plan (2022)* lists the trail paving project on page 48 of the plan. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) *2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan* specifically identifies paving the HBMT on page 4-24. The project has broad local support as evidenced by the Village of Holmen resolution and letters of support from the Town of Holland & Holmen School District. The existing trail runs parallel to several roads and highways, which serve as the alternative routes a user may utilize to travel along the corridor. Primarily Hwy 53, that is used mostly by motor vehicles. Along these alternative routes, between 2019 and 2021 there were approximately 59 crashes. Of that, 46% (27 crashes) occurred on Hwy 53, with 2 fatalities, 9 injuries, and 2 possible injuries reported. Additionally, of the 59 crashes documented, 6 crashes with 1 possible injury occurred along County Road HD, where Phase 2 of HBMT runs parallel. Paving the existing multiuse trail will encourage users to utilize this safer alternative and in turn, reduce the number of overall crashes.

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

History of Sponsor Success – The Village of Holmen is greatly dedicated to investing in outdoor recreation and multimodal trails. Holmen has funded trail connections on Sand Lake and Hwy 35. Deliverability – If awarded, the Village of Holmen portion of the HBMT (Phase 2) will be paved in 2025. WisDOT region staff have been consulted regarding ROW permits and do not anticipate any issues, obstacles, or delays. The Village of Holmen is committed to providing the 20% local match, as evident in their local resolution. Provided TAP funding is approved, the project will be completed in 2025 meeting any TAP requirements. Commitment to Multimodal – The Village of Holmen is also a member of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC)

which is the MPO for the La Crosse/La Crescent urbanized area and the LAPC has adopted a “Complete Streets” resolution.

4. Project Utility & Connectivity:

This project will be an improved (asphalt paved) connection to Holmen’s existing bike and pedestrian infrastructure (trails, sidewalks, etc.). Project Serves Utilitarian Purposes – The HBMT (Phase 2) will improve safe bike/ped access to the Holmen businesses, residential areas, and benefit The Holmen Public Schools. Connectivity to the State’s Multi-modal Transportation Network – The HBMT provides connectivity to the state’s multi-modal transportation network and is consistent with Goal 4 of WisDOT’s Connect 2050 plan, recommending “Increased options, connections, and mobility of people and goods.” Project Connects Land Uses – Various land uses are connected along the trail corridor including commercial (golf course, Holmen business district), residential (homes, subdivisions), recreational (parks, open spaces), and institutional (schools).

5. Project Benefit:

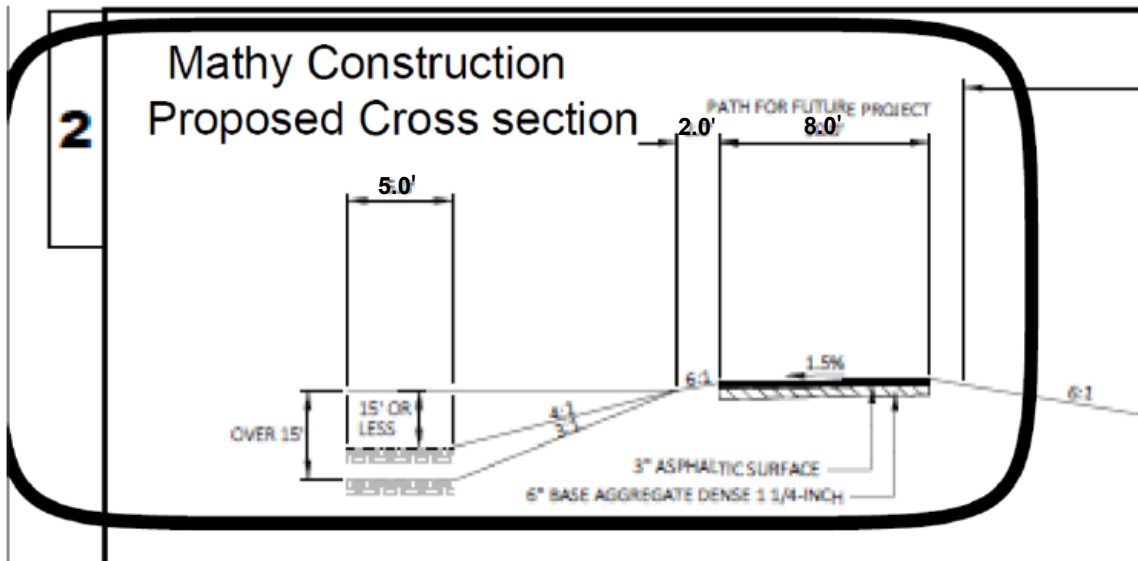
Environmental Benefit – The project will increase the likelihood of a mode shift from the personal automobile to biking and/or walking as the HBMT is underutilized as an unpaved facility. The improvement (paved) will better connect residences and commercial businesses.

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

Public Health Benefit – The paving of the HBMT will greatly increase its use and allow for more active lifestyle for trail users/residents. The improved trail segment will provide opportunities for outdoor physical activity and learning.

Safety Benefit – The alternative routes to the HBMT are state and county highways and local roads with minimal bike/ped facilities. Paving the HBMT will encourage users to utilize this detached, alternative route, which will enhance safety for all users.

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





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July 17, 2023

RE: Letter of Support for the Village of Holmen's
Bike Trail Pavement Proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for the grant application and funding to pave the Village of Holmen's portion of the bike trail. The Town of Holland jointly shares in ownership and maintenance of the current gravel bike path/multi-use trail along U.S. Highway 53 corridor.

Recently, the Town of Holland was awarded grant money and it is our plan to pave our section of the trail later this year. It is our hope that paving the entire bike path/multi-use trail will enhance the use and improve accessibility and safety for all users.

Therefore, the Town of Holland fully supports the Village of Holmen's grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Stupi".

Robert Stupi
Town Chair



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September 15, 2023

Scott Heinig
Village Administrator
Village of Holmen
421 South Main Street
Holmen WI 54636

Re: Letter of Support for the Village of Holmen's Bike Path Pavement Proposal

Dear Mr. Heinig,

Please accept this letter in support of the Village of Holmen's grant application for funding to assist in the paving of the Village's bike path/multi-use trail along the Highway 53 corridor. The improvement of this asset would be beneficial to many of our students and families, as well as the overall Holmen community.

The School District understands the Village is seeking grant funding in hopes of helping to finance the paving of the trail. Please know the School District of Holmen strongly supports the Village 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 Village of Holmen's grant request.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kristin Mueller
District Administrator

**Village of Holmen
Resolution #6-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING
(Paving the Holland Bike Trail)**

WHEREAS, the Village of Holmen is applying for a Wisconsin Department of Transportation—Transportation Alternative Program grant to fund the paving of the Holland Bike Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) requires a local resolution of support for the proposed project, executed by a governing body that has the authority to make financial commitment on behalf of the project sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Holmen 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 requirements, the Village of Holmen commits to securing the matching funds if the project is awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Holmen, that if the Village of Holmen is awarded funding by WisDOT for the 2023-2025 TAP award cycle, the Village of Holmen 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 Village of Holmen 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 Village of Holmen, and any other program and/or project documentation; and

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

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2023.

VILLAGE OF HOLMEN

By: Patrick J. Barlow
Patrick Barlow, Village President

By: Angie Hornberg
Angie Hornberg, Clerk/Treasurer

Attachment E - Preliminary Cost Estimates





Preliminary Estimates for Phase 2 of Holland Bluff Multiuse Trail (HBMT)				
Item	Quantity	Unit of measure	Unit Price	Cost
Asphalt	1,100	Tons	\$135.00	\$148,500.00
Matching 15 driveway crossings	15	Tons (10 each)	\$1,080.00	\$16,200.00
Asphalt grading / shaping	-	-	-	\$45,000.00
Clearing	-	-	-	\$7,000.00
Restoration	-	-	-	\$12,000.00
Shoulders / topsoil	-	-	-	\$52,000.00
Subtotal -----				\$280,700.00
Construction contingency (10%) -----				\$28,070.00
State Review, Construction Engineering -----				\$15,000.00
Misc., Construction Engineering -----				\$30,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST -----				\$353,770.00

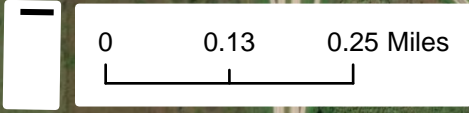
Federal Share of the Participating Construction Cost (80%)	\$247,016.00
Local Share of the Participating Construction Cost (20%)	\$61,754.00
Total Participating Construction Cost	\$308,770.00

Design Cost, Plan Development (100% local)	\$30,000.00
Design Cost, State Review (100% Local)	\$15,000.00
Total Design Cost (100% Local)	\$45,000.00

This TAP application is asking for 80% (Federal) Total Project Construction Cost	\$283,016.00
The applicant commits to funding 20% (Local) Total Project Construction Cost & any design costs.	\$70,754.00





Attachment E - Project Map

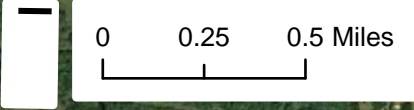
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-  La Crosse County_Public Parks



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Phase 1 HBMT

**Phase 2 HBMT
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