



Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Operations Division

DATE: August 11, 2026

TO: Commissioners Gilbertson, Hanson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Jeske; Executive Director Dave Leker

FROM: David Mayer, Operations Director

SUBJECT: Request to Apply for Transportation Alternatives Grant

Staff are proposing to submit a Transportation Alternatives grant application to the North Dakota Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2029.

The proposed project is a trail connection through the Clairmont Family Conservation Park, connecting the Pinehurst commercial area to River Road. The trail connection would be a 10-foot shared-use paved trail for approximately 3,330 linear feet.

The TA grant program is an 80/20 matching grant and, if a project is funded, construction would move forward in 2029. Staff request Board authorization to submit the TA grant application to the City of Bismarck and Bismarck Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization for endorsement. If the endorsements are secured, then the application would be forwarded to the ND DOT.

Sample motion: I move to approve to apply for a 2029 TA grant as outlined above.