

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SAUK COUNTY AND SAUK CITY FOR
WisDOT TAP-STARS GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

The 2018-23 Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan (POSP) identifies a future proposed Shared-Use Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail connecting the Great Sauk Trail in Sauk City to Mazomanie. Public input gathered throughout the POSP planning process showed continued strong support for development of shared-use trails throughout the county.

Dane and Sauk County are collaboratively leading project planning for a recreational bridge over the Wisconsin River. Dane County is concurrently working on planning and design for a rail to trail conversion that will extend from this proposed bridge heading south along the existing rail bed for approximately three miles and will end at a WDNR parking lot on STH 78.

The Village of Sauk City submitted a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application on behalf of Dane and Sauk Counties for the Wisconsin River bridge construction. It was the intent for Sauk and Dane Counties to take on the responsibility for administration and oversight of the grant and to equally share the 20% local match required by the grant program.

The Village of Sauk City received a grant award in the amount of \$5,587,672.70, which is 80% of the estimated bridge construction cost. Additional grants and existing Dane County and Sauk County Capital Budgets will cover the required match.

In accordance with the intent of the Counties and the Village of Sauk City, each party wishes to outline the roles and responsibilities for the administration and oversight of the TAP grant for construction of the Wisconsin River bridge through an intergovernmental agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Executive is hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement with Sauk County and the Village of Sauk City for WisDOT TAP-STARS Grant Program Administration on behalf of Dane County.