

# TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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Town Board Meeting of September 20, 2021

Attached is a resolution before the Town Board of West Seneca for the approval of a TAP grant application for the design and construction of a Bike Route extending on Seneca and Center Streets from the City of Buffalo City line to Union Road on Center Street.

Please kindly review and approve the attached Resolution.

Respectfully,  
William Bauer  
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**Resolution**  
**West Seneca Town Board Agenda of September 20, 2021**

***Purpose: To authorize the Supervisor to sign a grant application to the New York State Department of Transportation for a multi-use on-street trail on Erie County-owned roadways.***

**WHEREAS**, the Town of West Seneca seeks a Transportation Alternative (TAP) Grant to enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility, and safety enhancements along Seneca Street and Center Road, and,

**WHEREAS**, the public has provided overwhelming support for pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Seneca Street and Center Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, additional mobility enhancements have been identified during the planning and design stage of this project that would greatly enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between Seneca Street and Center Road, referred to as the Seneca Street and Center Road Bike Path; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to continue the process of developing segments on-route trail systems for the purpose of constructing proposed and future multi-use trails for bicycle and pedestrian use providing linkages with existing bicycle and pedestrian trails, residential neighborhoods, employment centers, schools, retail centers, and park and recreation areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the scope of the Seneca Street and Center Road Bike Path is consistent with the adopted Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council's Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan for Erie & Niagara Counties in that it encourages transportation alternatives, expands trail facilities, and the addresses the public's desire for connection to other amenities in the Town and in the region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to provide this type of facility to residents at the lowest possible cost to Town taxpayers; and,

**WHEREAS**, successful TAP awards will receive federal funding up to 80% of the eligible project costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current estimate of the cost of the proposed trail will not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ of which 80% will be reimbursable under the proposed grant; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the West Seneca Town Board supports applying for the 2021 TAP Grant for the Seneca Street and Center Road Bike Path that expands on-going efforts to develop a multi-use trail and alternative transportation improvements in amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Connie D. Miner & Co. Grant Consultants be authorized and directed to complete the necessary application, forms, and attachments to be submitted to the NYS Department of Transportation under the Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of securing this grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon approval of the grant, the Town of West Seneca will provide up to 20% in matching funds.

***Fiscal Impact: The implementation of this project will necessitate the expenditure of \$\_\_\_\_\_ of Town matching funds unless Erie County is willing to commit part of the matching funds since both roadways are owned by Erie County. Subject to approval of bond counsel, it is anticipated that the Town will finance its expenditure through a public improvement bond.***