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Dane County Exec. Parisi: Announces PARC and Ride bike trail grants totaling $500,000 for municipalities

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Today, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced awards totaling $500,000 for the Dane County PARC and Ride Bike Trail grant program, the maximum amount available for 2018. The program, brought back in the 2018 budget, provides matching grants to communities interested in expanding trail interconnectivity throughout Dane County. Municipalities were eligible to receive grants matching up to 50 percent of a project's costs to offset bike trail design, engineering, and construction expenses.

"Dane County has become known for its bike trails that offer picturesque views and an ever-growing network of connections," said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. "We are excited to partner with local governments to enhance our trails so they can continue to draw people into our community and bring enjoyment to Dane County residents year after year."

Grants were awarded to capital projects that expanded bike trail interconnectivity, created destination-oriented regional bike trails, and improved bike safety. Projects needed to provide a regional shared-use trail connection, as identified in the 2018-2023 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan, and could include associated amenities like trailheads/parking areas, signage, and safety facilities.

A resolution to approve these project allocations will be introduced to the Dane County Board at tonight's meeting.

Funded Projects Include:

The Village of Cambridge was awarded $209,250 for its CamRock/Glacial Drumlin Connector project. This 3,600 ft. trail connection will extend from the terminus of the CamRock Trail to State Farm Road and will ultimately connect to the Glacial Drumlin State Trail. The total project cost will be $418,500.

The Village of Cottage Grove was awarded $182,500 for its Main Street Community Trail. This extension of paved trail along Main Street will provide a trail connection between the Glacial Drumlin Trail and McCarthy County Park. In total, the project will cost $365,000.

The Village of Windsor was awarded $81,600 for its 1,000 ft. paved trail and bridge project that will provide a connection for the proposed trail from Token Creek County Park to the Upper Yahara River Trail. The total project cost will be $163,200.

The Village of Shorewood Hills was awarded $26,650 for its Blackhawk Path Extension. This project will feature a 1,400 ft. extension of the University Avenue Path that will cover a missing link between Shorewood Hills and University Bay Drive. In total, the project will cost $211,996.