

Bondurant - Main Street Streetscape Completion

<i>Sponsor</i>	Bondurant
<i>Project Title</i>	Main Street. Streetscape Completion
<i>Termini Description (i.e. Park Avenue to 19th Street)</i>	Railroad Street, SE to 2nd Street, NE
<i>Total Estimated Project Cost</i>	\$450,000
<i>Federal Fiscal Year 2019 TAP Request</i>	\$360,000
<i>Total Funding Secured</i>	\$0
<i>Source of additional funds and local match?</i>	City of Bondurant Road Use Fund Contribution FFY19
<i>Is this project seeking funding over multiple years?</i>	No
<i>Has your agency previously applied for TAP funds for this project?</i>	Yes
<i>Has this project previously been awarded TAP funds?</i>	No
<i>What category is this application applying under?</i>	Streetscape
<i>Existing street trees?</i>	No
<i>Proposed street trees?</i>	No
<i>Does the project use green infrastructure to manage 1 1/4 inches of rainfall?</i>	Yes
<i>Describe how the project uses green infrastructure to manage 1 1/4 inches of rainfall?</i>	A stormwater detention area/bioswale will be installed in either the east or west road right-of-way upstream of the storm sewer intake.
<i>Does the project use traffic calming measures?</i>	No
<i>Describe the local support for the project.</i>	The City of Bondurant City Council has adopted a Resolution supporting this application. Two local development groups have also issued letters of support for the project. Five buildings adjacent to the 2009 project have been sold and remodeled following completion of the 2009 work. One other building has been remodeled. This shows confidence in the future of downtown Bondurant and proves that the substantial \$1,028,387 investment the City made in 2009 is a viable economic development project for the City. This work was completed exclusively with City of Bondurant funds. Completing the remaining one block section will result in more new construction activity. The City regularly receives positive comments about the 2009 work.
<i>Describe the multipurpose aspects of the project.</i>	Other than Grant Street, Main St. is the only north/south road through the core of area of Bondurant. Main St. is an alternate traffic route for north/south traffic. In 2012, a section of the Chichaqua Valley Trail was built on the east Main St. ROW. This trail now serves a significant number of pedestrians and bicyclists. The trail was built to allow for reconstruction of Main St. without disturbing the trail. Bondurant residents use this trail section for recreation, traveling to schools and work and as a non-vehicular way to reach the Bondurant City Hall, Post Office and library. In 2013, the City built the attractive Bondurant Regional Trailhead Depot on the frontage of this section of Main St. The Bondurant Public Safety Building which houses the Bondurant Fire Department and EMS Services also has an access on this section of Main St.

<p><i>Describe the project's financial plan.</i></p>	<p>The City of Bondurant is conducting a special census in September 2015. The City expects a population increase of approximately 1,000 people, which will increase the total population to between 4,800 and 5,000. This increase is expected to generate approximately \$100,000 in new Road Use Funds annually. A portion of these funds will be used to provide the 20% local match requirement. Match funds should be available in local fiscal year 2017 and thereafter.</p>
<p><i>Describe the maintenance plans for this project.</i></p>	<p>The proposed section of streetscape will be maintained in the same manner that the 2009 work is maintained. The City hires two seasonal workers each year. A portion of their duties involves landscape maintenance including fertilizing, weeding and watering streetscape vegetation areas.</p>
<p><i>Describe the quality/significance of the site.</i></p>	<p>This section of Main St. is one of only two streets that runs through the core area of Bondurant. It sees significant use by through traffic, bicyclists and pedestrians accessing the public buildings and retail areas downtown, members of the Bondurant Emergency Services Department and by people who live in the residential areas adjacent to the downtown. Main St. is also used to access City Park, the city's main central community park. Traffic on this street is expected to increase as Bondurant continues to grow.</p>
<p><i>Please describe the need for the project.</i></p>	<p>Bondurant is continuing to work on improving the visual aesthetics of the community. Much has been done in this area including improved community entry features, removal of junk vehicles, construction of the Bondurant Regional Trailhead and City purchase and cleanup of a junk yard/truck repair business. The 2009 streetscape project was another significant visual improvement for Bondurant. The project described in this application completes the Main St. streetscape plan. This section of Main St. is very visible for 2nd St. NE/NW, the main east/west road through Bondurant, and is also the site of a new dental office building currently under construction. Completing this streetscape should generate additional new construction on vacant portions of Main St.</p>
<p><i>Describe the relationship to other regional plans/projects.</i></p>	<p>The City of Bondurant Comprehensive Plan completed in May 2012 calls for increased emphasis on downtown redevelopment. This streetscape work is consistent with direction set out in the Comprehensive Plan. The Tomorrow Plan, a regional development plan for 2050 Greater Des Moines, encourages walkable development practices using nodes and corridors. The streetscape area in this application borders on downtown Bondurant and will likely become part of what people consider the downtown when it is built out. The City supports the downtown's designation as a commercial development node. Downtown Bondurant is within one mile of 90% of Bondurant residences and can be easily accessed by trails and sidewalks from the north, east, south and west.</p>
<p><i>If applicable, please describe the status of the facility right-of-way.</i></p>	<p>The project will be built entirely on existing Main St. ROW. No new additional ROW or easements are needed.</p>
<p><i>Explain any urgency with the implementation of the project.</i></p>	<p>A portion of the property adjacent to the streetscape location is vacant. One building adjacent to the streetscape is under construction now. It will be easier to install the streetscape prior to construction of additional commercial buildings. A preliminary site plan has been prepared for the current vacant area. This shows that the property owner intends to construct buildings in this area as soon as market conditions permit. Street construction adjacent to existing businesses is never popular, so it would be best to install the streetscape before more buildings are built adjacent to the street. Having the streetscape in place will also make the adjacent property more desirable for commercial development.</p>

Describe the impact to regional economic development and tourism.

As stated above, Main St. is adjacent to the Chichaqua Valley Trail. The trail connection east to the original CVT was completed in August 2014. The trail connection west to the Gay Lea Wilson Trail and other Des Moines metro area trails will be completed in April 2015. As a result of these connections, activity on the Chichaqua Valley Trail is projected to increase significantly in 2015 and beyond. The streetscape location is also adjacent to the Bondurant Regional Trailhead which is the connection point between CVT proposed location of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail - East between Bondurant and Altoona. Design work for the Gay Lea Wilson trail is occurring at this time. Funding is also being sought. Construction of the first section of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail is expected in the next one or two years. Also as stated above, the streetscape is adjacent to vacant commercially zoned property. Having the streetscape in place will help promote build out of this vacant property.

