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January 5, 2024

ODOT District 5  
Attn: Jeffrey Shaner  
9600 Jacksontown Road  
Jacksontown, OH 43030

Subject: Endorsement of the Village of Fredericktown's Transportation Alternatives Program Application

Dear Mr. Shaner:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the Village of Fredericktown's pending application to the Ohio Department of Transportation under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The Village of Fredericktown has proposed two vital projects that hold significant importance for the community's well-being and overall development: the State Route 13 & 95 Bridge Aesthetic Improvements and the Fredericktown Sidewalk Improvement Project.

The State Route 13 & 95 Bridge Aesthetic Improvements project aims to enhance the visual appeal and functionality of the bridge, a critical element in the local transportation infrastructure. As the bridge serves as a key connection point within the village, improvements in its aesthetics will not only contribute to the overall beautification of the area but also ensure the safety and satisfaction of residents and visitors alike.

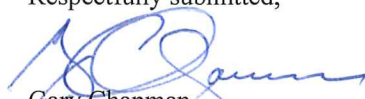
Additionally, the Fredericktown Sidewalk Improvement Project is a commendable initiative that addresses the need for safer and more accessible pedestrian pathways within the village. By investing in the enhancement of sidewalks, the project will promote a healthier and more active community lifestyle while ensuring the well-being of all residents, including pedestrians, cyclists, and individuals with mobility challenges.

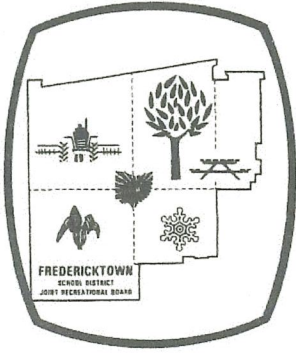
These projects align perfectly with the goals of the Transportation Alternatives Program, which seeks to enhance transportation options, improve connectivity, and promote a more livable and economically vibrant community. The Village of Fredericktown's commitment to these objectives is evident in the thoughtfully designed proposals, which not only address current needs but also contribute to the long-term sustainability and prosperity of the community.

I am confident that the successful implementation of these projects will not only have a positive impact on the Village of Fredericktown but will also serve as a model for other communities in our state. Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse the Village of Fredericktown's application for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program for the State Route 13 & 95 Bridge Aesthetic Improvements and the Fredericktown Sidewalk Improvement Project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am hopeful that the Ohio Department of Transportation will support these crucial projects that will undoubtedly contribute to the betterment of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gary Chapman  
Superintendent  
Fredericktown Local Schools



## FREDERICKTOWN RECREATION DISTRICT

Box 86, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019

January 5, 2024

ODOT District 5  
ATTN: Jeffrey Shaner  
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Dear Mr. Shaner,

The Fredericktown Recreation District is in full support of the Village of Fredericktown's pursuit of the two grants applied for through ODOT.

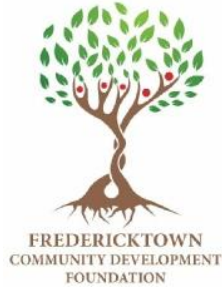
The proposed improvements to the overpass where State Routes 13 and 95 intersect, would greatly improve visibility to traffic trying to get into Fredericktown. That is the main exit that school bus traffic would enter the area for sporting events, and all school activities. I feel that it would improve safety for school buses, and accompanying parents and spectators from out of town.

The sidewalk improvement project I feel is necessary for safety concerns to the residents of the area, as well as pedestrian school traffic. As people are using less vehicle transportation in town and walking more, it is imperative for them to be able to do that safely. Most of the current growth of Fredericktown is in that immediate area, and sidewalk safety should be at the forefront.

As a recreation district, we are excited for the projects to be able to begin for the residents and visitors to the area.

Regards,

Jim Blanchard  
Parks Director  
Fredericktown Recreation District  
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January 4, 2024

ODOT District 5  
Attn: Jeffery Shaner  
9600 Jacksontown Road  
Jacksontown, OH 43030

RE: TAP Grant Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Shaner,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support of the Village of Fredericktown's pending application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for funding of two future projects through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). As President of the Fredericktown Community Development Foundation (FCDF) I speak on behalf of our foundation and those who live, work, and play in the Fredericktown community.

In its long history the FCDF has been instrumental in actively providing support for a wide range of projects that have demonstrated a positive impact on our community's economic and social development. The State Route 13 & 95 Bridge Aesthetic Improvements project and the Fredericktown Sidewalk Improvement project will perpetuate the FCDF's mission, which is, "to facilitate and foster community growth and prosperity." The Village of Fredericktown has our full support for the two grant applications as the FCDF will continue to support all efforts to enrich the lives of our citizens.

We are grateful for this opportunity to express our support.

Sincerely,

Paul J Mayville  
FCDF President



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January 26, 2024

ODOT District 5  
Attn: Jeffrey Shaner  
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Jacksontown, OH 43030

**Re: Letter of Support for Fredericktown's application for ODOT's TAP funding - Sidewalk Improvement Project**

Dear Mr. Shaner,

I write as the Vice President of the Area Development Foundation, Inc., Knox County's economic development organization, in strong support of the Village of Fredericktown's pending application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for funding under its Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

The Area Development Foundation of Knox County is the central clearinghouse of information and resources for economic development activities. From this vantage point, the Foundation took a lead role in recently completing a Village Strategic Plan in collaboration with Fredericktown. While the plan covers many areas of importance, the plan's success relies on the strategic implementation of efforts to leverage available funds for significant impact.

The safety of pedestrians, especially children, is a top priority when considering how to make the village more walkable. This project extends roughly 1/2 mile of sidewalk on West Sandusky Street across from the Fredericktown Local Schools campus and extends up Bollinger Drive, to the existing sidewalk. This will enable pedestrians to safely travel to and from the school campus by walking on the sidewalk and not on the road or through wet, snow-covered, or muddy lawns in the winter. This improvement will also enable pedestrians of all ages to travel to/from the older residential areas to/from downtown, to/from the local convenience store, and to/from Dollar General in a much safer manner. Overall, this improvement is likely to enable residents to pursue a more active lifestyle, thus improving the quality of life in the Fredericktown Community and supporting the local economy in the process.

We stand ready to assist you further in seeking and utilizing TAP funding assistance for this economic development project. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further; I can be reached via email at [sam@knoxadf.com](mailto:sam@knoxadf.com) or phone at (740) 393-3806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Filkins", written over a horizontal line.

Sam Filkins  
Vice President