

# RPA-18 FY25 TIP Project Applications (STBG / TASA)

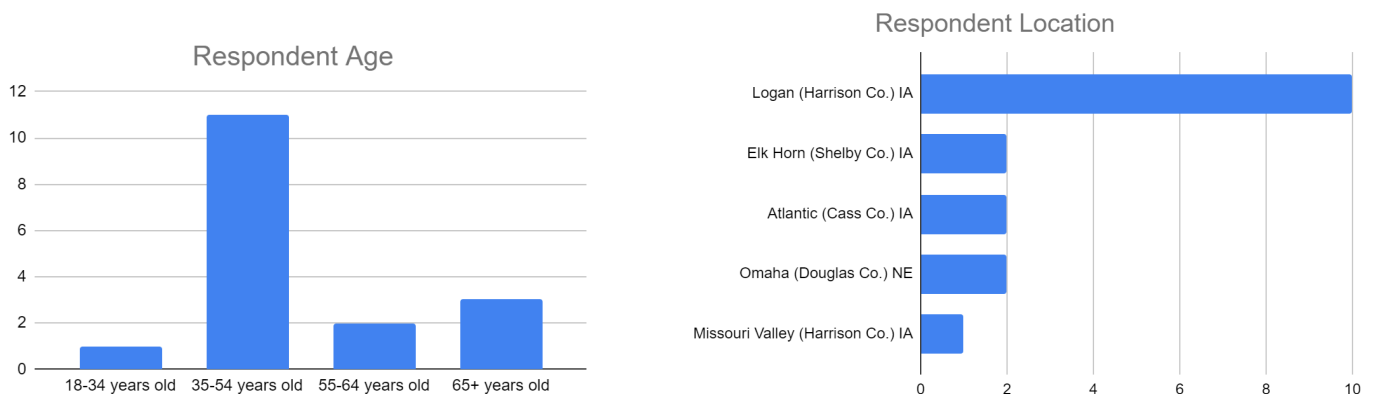
## Summary of Public Comment

RPA-18 closed the FY25 call for project applications on . In total, four project applications were received;

- M16 Asphalt Overlay - Mills County (STBG)
- L-20 Asphalt Resurfacing & Shouldering - Harrison County (STBG)
- Safe Routes to School & Rec Trail - City of Logan (TASA)
- Ballpark to Ballpark Rec Trail Phase II - Shelby County Trails Board (TASA / STBG)

Public comment opened on February 1, 2024, and closed February 29, 2024. The public was asked to provide some optional identifying information (zip code, age, gender, hispanic or latino, and race), select the project they wished to provide feedback on, indicate if they would like the project to be funded, and provide any additional comments on the application.

A total of 17 responses were received. The majority of respondents were between 35 and 54 years of age and were located within the City of Logan, IA.



Of these respondents, 14 provided feedback on the City of Logan's SRTS project, and 3 provided feedback on the Ballpark to Ballpark trail. All responses were in support of the projects.

Not all respondents provided additional comments. A full list of unedited comments can be found below;

## City of Logan SRTS Comments (12):

Logan completely lacks safe walkability between the Logan-Magnolia Schools and the city of Logan. Approving funds for this project will benefit so many in this strong district, and provide the safety all pedestrians have been lacking in this community. Additionally, Safe Routes to School is the first phase of a proposed city-wide trail system. Thank you for your consideration!

As the transportation director and grounds keeper for the Logan-Magnolia Community Schools. I see a significant need for our kids to be able to safely navigate to our school or our events at our sporting complex in a safe way. The community of Logan would greatly benefit from your funding. Thank you for considering our community for this opportunity.

Our school is on Highway 127 and there is no pedestrian route to school. Some students ride bikes and walk on the shoulder of a busy highway. This would make a safe way for our students to get back and forth to school as well as an added route for exercise.

This project will provide nice trails around town which will benefit citizens' health and well being and offer a sense of community. More importantly it will provide a route to school with a path that is easy to walk on and will keep people from walking on the very busy highway, which is potentially dangerous with the speed and amount of traffic that flows along that highway.

This project is long overdue. Our students do not have a designated walking path to our school. This is because our school sits outside the city limits of Logan. Having a designated path to our school would provide our students a safe pathway that is paved and properly maintained.

The Logan Magnolia CSD will be greatly benefited by the funding of the "Safe Routes to School and Rec Trail. The majority of our students live in or very near the city limits of Logan, Iowa and the school is located on the edges of town with no sidewalks or paths dedicated to pedestrian traffic that connect the school to the community. We have students who ride their bikes on unsafe routes and lots of families who are unable to safely travel to and from the school for school events or activities. Though students still manage to school, the ones who walk are not able to safely do so. The community is in dire need of rec paths and trails. This will not only be an attraction to the community, it would also improve the quality of life for our citizens. We look forward to your continued support through this process.

Our school is the lifeblood of our community. Being able to safely get students and community members to and from school and school events is so very important. Highway 127 carries a lot of traffic creating safety hazards for walkers/bike riders.

This project would greatly benefit our entire community, and especially our students who need safe ways to get to school. Logan has 2 major highways that run through it and we have a lot of families and kids that live in town and walk or bike. The highways are very busy, but it is necessary for many students to cross them, especially to get to the school.

This is much needed for our students' safety and for our community's safety.

Our school is the backbone of our community. The school and the community are united in so many ways to the benefit of our youth. However, we feel divided geographically. The location of the school campus in relation to the town is separated by the highway in such a way that it is unsafe for students to walk or ride their bikes to school. This project would unify our community further by connecting our school and town by providing safe routes for our children to travel to and from school for classes and extracurricular activities. Furthermore, the trails would add a safe area for citizens to ride bikes, walk, and spend time in nature rather than being bound to walking the streets alongside traffic.

I have been a member of the Logan community for my entire life. I am a proud resident and business

owner within the community as well as a substitute teacher with the school district. I have seen first hand the dangers that our students face when attempting to walk to school. I feel that the idea of a designated safe place for students to walk to school has been something that has been overlooked for decades. I urge the selection committee to consider Logan's Safe Route to School project. I believe that it will be a project that will be utilized on day one of completion by both students as well as community members.

Trails are an integral part of the quality of life in our communities and also an important factor in future economic development. This is a great project.

### **Shelby County Ballpark to Ballpark Trail Comments (3):**

This project is to provide the anchor segment of a much larger project goal of connecting all communities along HWY 191 to the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro area.

This project has been partially funded and must be completed by 2025. The local trail group has been working for over a decade to pursue their goal of connecting the communities along HWY 191 with a paved multi-use trail.

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