

# Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035 Project Application

## Sponsor Information

**Project Sponsor / Agency:** *City of Bel Aire*

## Project Information

**Project Location:** Bicycle/Pedestrian Path in Bel Aire

**To:** 37th Street

**From:** Central Park

**Project Description:** Create a walking/biking path that connects the entire City of Bel Aire together via a trails system.

**Project Purpose:** Central Park contains a new subdivision, City Hall, Senior Center and K – 8 school to be open the fall of 2011. Short walking paths around various parks are in existence but are not linked to a City wide trail. This path would connect the High School/ K - 8 school to new and existing paths as well as current subdivisions so pedestrians and bicyclists could easily get to schools, work, government services and retail establishments.

**Main Project Type:** Bicycle/Pedestrian

**Other Project Types Included:** No

**If yes to the previous question, what other project type are included?**

**Road:**

**Rail:**

**Bicycle / Pedestrian:** Yes

**Bridge:**

**Intersection:**

**Railroad Crossing:**

**Transit:**

**Interchange:**

**Travel Demand / System Management:**

**If project occurs on a roadway what is the facility type?**

**Anticipated Year to Start Construction:** 2010 - 2019

**Is the project listed in any WAMPO or other regional plans?** No

**If yes, list the name of plan(s) and page number:**

## Project Cost Information

**Engineering Cost:** \$1,000,000.00

**Annual Operating and Maintenance Cost:**

\$10,000.00

**Right of Way Cost:** \$100,000.00

**Dedicated Funding:**

No

**Construction Cost:** \$3,200,000.00

**If yes, please provide source and amount:**

**Total Project Cost:** \$4,300,000.00

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## Measures of Effectiveness Information

All projects types were asked to completed MOEs #1 - #4. MOE #5 is for Road and Bridge; MOE #6 is for Bike / Ped; and MOE #7 is for Travel Demand / Systems Managem

1) Does the project contribute to the overall improvement of the regional transportation system? Yes

If yes, please explain: Bel Aire currently maintains a number of walking paths around various parks. However, there is no central trails system which links all the various paths together to allow for easy access to all parks, subdivisions, schools, government facilities and retail shops. In addition, the City of Wichita has several trail systems that end at the City of Bel Aire boundary. Such a system in Bel Aire would also link the City of Bel Aire and City of Wichita trails systems.

2) Does the project have a positive effect on air quality? Yes

If yes, please explain: Being able to walk or ride a bike around town eliminates the need for vehicle traffic and fuel. This cuts down on emissions from vehicles.

3) Does the project include facilities for, accommodate, or connect more than one mode of transportation? No

If yes, please explain:

4) Does the project address or help address a safety concern? Yes

If yes, please explain: Currently, many bicyclists and pedestrians walk on arterial streets along shoulders. This is very dangerous due to speeds of vehicles. In addition, some neighborhoods do not have sidewalks which places bicyclists or walkers in the street. Again, not an ideal situation. A master trails system will create a much safer environment for walkers/bikers to get around town, to schools and retail stores.

5) Does the project address a regional issue that is addressed in a WAMPO plan? No

If yes, please explain:

6) Is the project on a route identified in the WAMPO Regional Pathway System Plan (RPSP) and identified as a priority missing link? Does the project connect existing pathways? Yes

If yes, please explain: The City of Bel Aire maintains several walking rails. However, they are small in scale and are for local users. There is no system than links to the City of Wichita, all schools both proposed and current as well as retail shopping. The proposed pathway would connect to existing paths in Bel Aire as well as with the City of Wichita.

7) Does the project address congestion and is identified in the WAMPO Congestion Management Process (CMP) and/or Intelligent Transportation Systems Regional Architecture (ITS-RA)? No

If yes, please explain:

## Additional Information

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