RESOLUTION 26-14

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHACEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) GRANT APPLICATION "RAILWAY TO RECREATION" PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Newton, located in Jasper County, State of Illinois, desires to participate in the development and construction of the "Railway to Recreation" Project, which proposes to convert an abandoned railroad corridor into a safe, accessible pedestrian and multi-use trail; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will include pedestrian improvements beginning at West Washington Street and extending to First Street and Reynolds Street, consisting of a five-foot (5') sidewalk that will provide a direct connection to a ten-foot (10') multi-use path along the former railroad corridor, continuing toward Wilson Street and extending to the project terminus at the entrance of the Jasper County Boys and Girls Park, thereby providing a continuous pedestrian and recreational connection between residential areas, community facilities, and recreational destinations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newton has determined that the Project is consistent with the priorities identified within the Transportation Plan in the City of Newton's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant will fund 80% of eligible preliminary engineering, design, construction, and construction engineering costs and 50% of right-of-way and street lighting costs of the proposed improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois, as follows:

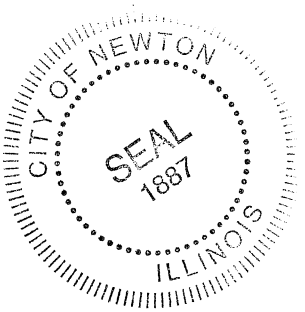
SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into, and made part of, this Resolution.

SECTION 2: The City of Newton does hereby commit to being responsible for payment of any required matching funds and/or ineligible or other costs associated with the Project as determined by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

APPROVED, this 15th day of September, 2026, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
Gayle Glumac	✓			
Kaleb Wright	✓			
Larry Brooks	✓			
R. J. Lindemann	✓			
Eric Blake	✓			
Mike Swick	✓			
Mayor Joshua Kuhl				



Joshua Kuhl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maggie McDonald, City Clerk