

**22****COMMUNITY
MITIGATION
FUND****APPENDIX I – PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION****BD-22-1068-1068C-1068L-68403*****Please complete each section of this Application*****1. PROJECT INFORMATION****a) NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT AND VENDOR CODE**

Town of Saugus

VENDOR CODE:VC600019169**b) PROJECT NAME (LIMIT 10 WORDS)**

This public safety project will provide rail trail solar lighting

c) BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 WORDS)

Saugus is on the new Northern Strand rail trail. It runs from the Encore Casino area to Saugus. This application addresses a public safety impact from casino patrons utilizing the trail during evening hours. Saugus receives public safety calls by trail users coming eastbound from the casino. Lighting would provide a safety enhancement for casino related users.

d) CONTACT PERSON(S)/TITLE (Persons with responsibility for this grant)

Chris Reilly, Planning Director

e) PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

781-231-4044

creilly@saugus-ma.gov

f) MAILING ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

298 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906

2. IMPACT DESCRIPTION/CONNECTION TO GAMING FACILITY**a) Please describe in detail the impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility.**

Encore Casino patrons consist of a variety of visitors with varying interests, including active recreation opportunities in the area. Even if they are visiting the casino to gamble or primarily utilize on site amenities, there is interest and demand in utilizing off site recreation amenities in the area.

The Northern Strand rail trail is a regional recreation amenity that addresses a positive impact of the casino-patrons who are looking for healthy activities while exploring the area during periods when they aren't engaged in casino specific events. It is also another convenient and safe way for employees of the casino to commute from environmental justice areas in Lynn and Revere. The trail head in Everett is a short distance from the Casino via Mystic View Road.

The commuter and tourist demand for intermodal forms of travel related to offsite access therefore serves as the impact attributed to the gaming facility. This has been well modeled and observed in impact reports at similar facilities like MGM Springfield and the Plainridge Park Casino.

b) Please provide documentation, specificity or evidence that gives support for the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused or is causing the impact (i.e. surveys, data, reports)

The Encore Casino SFEINR and operational impact reports provided for similar facilities by the SEIGMA studies produced by UMass contain extensive research on the likely and projected transportation related impacts in the region from the operation of the Encore Casino. Actual documentation is limited due to the short time the casino has fully operated.

Addressing these projected impacts by providing and improving intermodal transportation alternatives has been a major priority of the Baker Administration, MassDOT, MAPC and the MGC. Enhancing the potential daily use of the Northern Strand by casino patrons and employees by providing lighting improves the safe use of this existing facility as a casino amenity and regional transportation alternative.

c) How do you anticipate your proposed remedy will address the identified impact?

Adding public safety lighting to the existing Northern Strand rail trail will allow extended use of an important amenity for casino patrons and employees, as well as making it safer for them to do so. Field data has established that rail trails are successful and popular amenities for regional destinations, as well as essential intermodal transportation alternatives to congested highways for employees. However they can also attract crime without proper safety considerations and can be conduits for criminal activity without proper deterrents such as adequate lighting.

The locations of the proposed solar lighting have been identified in the field to provide the maximum public safety effect, particularly at access points. The lights will be installed in a continuous manner, with most lights no further than 100' feet apart, or the recommended distance by the vendor.

d) Please provide information demonstrating that the requested funds are supplementing and not supplanting historic operations funding.

The Northern Strand rail trail is a new recreational facility that has no historic operations expenses. The project as proposed will require no ongoing maintenance except for damaged units from unforeseen causes. As solar units the lighting will obviously not require a power supply or funding, or upgrades to any system that is often part of a local utility network.

3. PROPOSED USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY MITIGATION FUNDS. (Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.)**a) Please identify the amount of funding requested. In determining the funding request, please round up to the nearest hundred dollars.**

\$187,000.

b) Please identify below the manner in which the funds are proposed to be used. Please provide detailed scope, budget and timetable for the use of funds.

The funds will be used to buy 43 minimal maintenance, stand alone solar light posts at \$1500 per unit (estimate included). The equipment that the Town will purchase and install has been included in the implementation of many rail trail lighting projects. The installation of the units is estimated to cost \$20000 and will occur after a contractor has been identified and a contract is executed. This is planned for fall 2022. It is estimated per the vendor that 9 units per day can be installed, which would allow the project to be completed in a week.

c) Please provide documentation (e.g. - invoices, proposals, estimates, etc.) adequate for the Commission to ensure that the funds will be used for the cost of mitigating the impact from the operation of a gaming establishment.

Saugus has gone online to generate estimates for the project cost. Solar equipment providers have cost calculators available to produce specific cost estimates for the type of project being considered. These estimates are attached. The installation cost is included in the overall project cost based on the number of units. Because each unit is installed in the same way and is not dependent on an integrated system, the installation costs can be assumed to be accurate.

d) Please describe how the mitigation request will address the impact indicated.

Adding public safety lighting to the existing Northern Strand rail trail will allow extended use of an important amenity for casino patrons and employees, as well as making it safer for them to do so. While the Town obviously continuously monitors the safety of the trail and responds to public safety concerns or requests for assistance, the mitigation request will allow for safe evening use of the trail by patrons not familiar with it and will also help public safety personnel in the event they need to respond to any calls.

e) How will you provide the data for reporting? How will you measure the effectiveness of the proposed project in mitigating impacts?

The Town will be monitoring the evening volume on the trail to determine the level of usage. This can be done by simple continuous beam security monitors. The Town also plans to work with the Bike to the Sea organization to gather and extract user data on casino patrons using the trail during evening hours.

4. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

a) Please describe and include excerpts from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.

N/A Saugus does not have a surrounding Community or Host Agreement.

b) Please explain how this impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement.

The Northern Strand is a new rail trail facility that was in the planning for some time but not programmed when the host agreement was established. As a regional facility the permitting process was extensive and the funding and construction needed to be provided by the State given the scope of the project.

5. INTERNAL CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

- a) Please provide detail regarding the controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to address the impact.**

The funds will be expended directly to an identified and eligible vendor for the purchase of equipment. The installation will be done by a contractor certified by the Commonwealth and managed by the Town.

The Town has a robust procurement process that relies on a MUNIS based service. Proper accounting and purchasing controls by ongoing Town departments will be utilized for all the purchase and contractor activities.

- b) Will any non-governmental entity receive funds? If so, please describe. If non-governmental entities will receive any funds, please describe what reporting will be required and how the applicant will remedy any misuse of funds.**

No. The Town will receive all the proposed funds and will manage the installation costs through a contractor.

6. CERTIFICATION BY MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

On behalf of the aforementioned municipality/governmental entity I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this Application.

Scott C Crabtree em

Date: 1-26-2022

**Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity**

Scott C Crabtree

(print name)

Town Manager

Title:



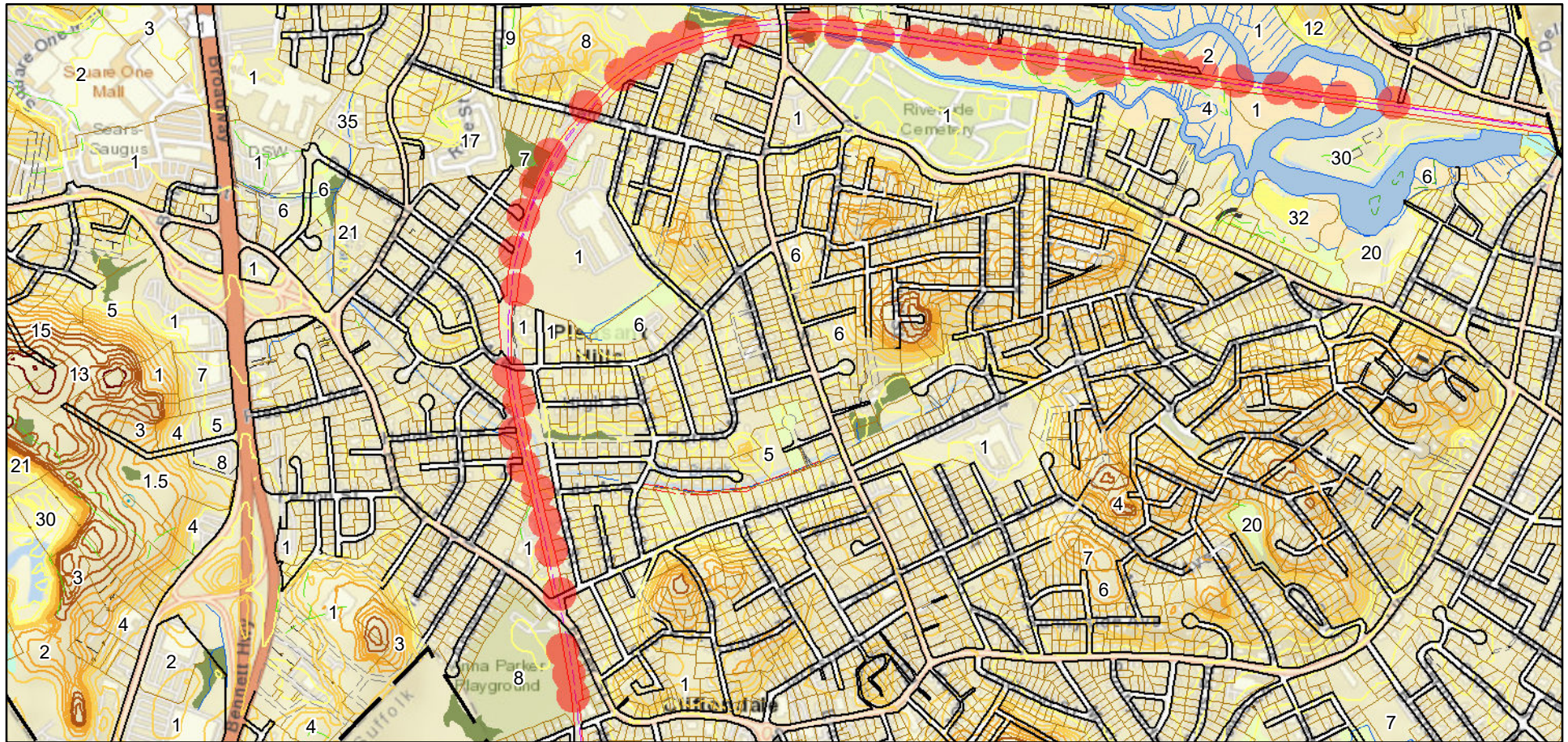
Saugus, MA



January 25, 2022

1 inch = 1100 Feet

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Large Scale	Public Road	Tract Line	Trail	128 - 177	Tidal Flats
CAI Town Line	Railroad	Right of Way	WaterLines	178 - 275	Beach/Dune
Common Line	Right of Way	PropNotPar	Water-poly	Marsh/Bog	Potential Vernal Pools
Dashed Road	Utility	Property Hook	0 - 49	Wooded marsh	
PWater	Wetland	Property TIC	50 - 88	Salt Marsh	
Property Line	Railroad	RoadNotPar	89 - 127	Open Water	

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