



City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members
From: Ryan Stempki – Public Works Director/City Engineer
Date: November 6, 2023
Item: Resolution Supporting and Authorizing Application to MnDOT for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) for Eligible TH 61 Corridor Improvements

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Council is requested to approve a resolution of support and authorize application to the MnDOT LRIP. The improvements identified in the LRIP application include local streets, trails, and storm sewer adjacent to TH 61 and outside of the trunk highway right of way. Specifically, the improvements include 18th Street and the backage road system from 21st Street to 25th Street.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

TH 61 needs repair and through a public engagement process, additional improvements were identified to address safety, mobility, vehicle speeds, traffic flow, community enhancements and bicycle/pedestrian safety. The specific areas for this request of LRIP funding include 18th Street for a new street alignment and trail network that removes driveway access for trucking of heavy industry at this intersection that produces the highest trip generation of trucks along the corridor. Also included in this request is the backage road system from 21st Street to 25th Street to remove/reduce access of local roads and driveways by providing a local road system to accommodate industry and commercial access.

This grant can only be used on local roadways and must be outside of trunk highway right of way. For constructability purposes, the schedule would be to complete the improvements to the local road system that are off the direct trunk highway one year in advance (2026) of the major TH 61 Improvements (2027).

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The estimated total project costs for the 18th Street, trail and ped bridge across Vermillion River, and 21st Street to 25th Street backage road system is \$3,900,000. The City has already applied for TED funds of which there is a maximum award of 70% of the total project cost. Therefore, the remaining \$1,170,000 would be the responsibility of the City to fund. When applying for the TED funds, our plan to fund the cost share was to submit for these Local Road Improvement Funds (LRIP). The qualifying amount of this project for LRIP funds is \$1,345,500, which would cover the match.

CITY OF HASTINGS

DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) APPLICATION FOR THE TH 61 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings has local roads impacted by the Trunk Highway 61 Project including 18th Street, and the 21st Street to 25th Street backage road system and requests funding from the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings acknowledges that LRIP funds can be used on reasonable elements associated with roadway construction and that other costs, including but not limited to: consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the LRIP award will need to have alternate funding sources, and

WHEREAS, MnDOT recently concluded the TH 61 Study and identified that safety and traffic flow are major concerns by 2040 if these improvements are not made, and

WHEREAS, by improving 18th Street and installing the backage road system from 21st street to 25th Street access along the TH 61 corridor, several driveway and local road access can be consolidated into safe, single access locations thereby reducing conflict points and improving safety and mobility, and

WHEREAS, the estimated construction costs that qualify for LRIP funds is \$1,345,500, which will be spent in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Hastings supports the project, and agrees to maintain such improvements.
2. The City of Hastings supports submittal of the LRIP application.
3. The City of Hastings provides assurance that the city will pay all costs associated with the project beyond the LRIP grant award.
4. That the sources and uses, private investors, equity, and other financing commitment represented in the attached document are accurate.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HASTINGS, MINNESOTA, THIS 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

Ayes:

Nays:

ATTEST:

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

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Hastings Highway 61 Improvements

