

RESOLUTION MC24- 06

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FY 2023-2024 BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM
DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY
HIGHWAY 104 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Bridge Investment Program “BIP” Discretionary Grant Opportunity provides dedicated, discretionary funding for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects that (1) improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges, (2) improve the condition of bridges in the United States, and (3) to provide financial assistance that leverages and encourages non-Federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design, and construction of eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2023-2024 BIP funding will be implemented, as appropriate and consistent with law, in alignment with the priorities of section 11118 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, Nov. 15, 2021), established the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) which is codified at 23 U.S.C. § 124; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for \$2.34 billion in FY 2023 and \$2.43 billion in FY 2024 BIP funds, authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, of which up to \$20 million will be made available for planning projects for both fiscal years, and up to \$2.32 billion in FY 2023 and \$2.41 billion in FY 2024 will be made available for the capital projects; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for BIP include projects to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory under 23 U.S.C. § 144(b) (See 23 U.S.C. § 124(a)(1)(A)), and bridge bundling and culverts (23 U.S.C. § 124(a)(1)(B)); and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for BIP must meet statutory project eligibility and must specifically address United States Code (U.S.C.) requirements of (1) how the bridge will be maintained, and (2) accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the minimum award for BIP funds under Bridge Project category is \$2.5 million and a maximum award amount of no more than 80 percent of the total eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, Minnehaha County is requesting funds to perform environmental analysis, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and final design; replace three bridges along County Highway 104; reconstruct associated roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the Department’s strategic goals by restoring bridges to a state of good repair while doing so within the existing right-of-way and minimizing the need for relocations, improving transportation safety, reducing surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, increasing resilience to climate change, delivering equitable transportation options and access, constructing multimodal connections that will remove the existing barrier in regional connectivity, and promoting competitiveness of the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, the project is identified in the Minnehaha County 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan;
and

WHEREAS, Minnehaha County will provide funding towards the local match; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Minnehaha County supports and approves the application towards FY 2023-2024 BIP Discretionary Grant for Minnehaha County's Highway 104 Bridge Replacement Project.

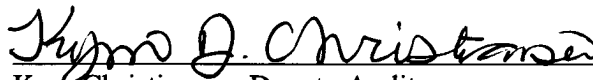
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DEAN KARSKY, CHAIRPERSON

Date: 1-23-24

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