

Date: September 6, 2022

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM
DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE I-90 AUSTIN BRIDGES
IMPROVEMENT & MOBILITY PROJECT**

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held September 6, 2022, at the Mower County Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

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 2022 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 \$2.36 billion in FY 2022 BIP funds, authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, of which up to \$20 million will be made available for planning projects, and up to \$2.34 billion up 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 pedestrian; 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 Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking funds to replace or rehabilitate ten bridges along Interstate 90; reconstruct associated roadway improvements; and to construct a network of multimodal trails and sidewalks; 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 Mower County's Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS Mower County will provide funding towards the local match and partner with MnDOT to contribute to the overall local match and project funding as identified in the BIP application, which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance, secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mower County supports and approves the application towards FY 2022 BIP Discretionary Grant for MnDOT's I-90 Austin Bridges Improvement & Mobility Project.

Passed this 6th day of September 2022

By: / s / Jeff Baldus
Chairperson

By: / s / Trish Harren
Clerk/Administrator

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at their session on the 6th day of September.


County Administrator