

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: May 3, 2022
Motion by Commissioner: Lynch

Resolution No: 42-22
Seconded by Commissioner: Fahey

Resolution of Support and Approval for Submittal of the US Highway 212 Rural Freight Mobility and Safety Project to US DOT's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity Program

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is soliciting applications for three Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 funding opportunities under the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity Program: the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation program (Rural); and

WHEREAS, this newly created, combined, competitive solicitation allows applicants to apply for discretionary funding for transportation projects of national or regional significance by submitting one application; and

WHEREAS, \$2.85 billion in FY 2022 MPDG opportunity funds is available for awards, with up to \$1 billion available for the new Mega program, \$1.55 billion available for INFRA, and \$300 million available for the new Rural funding opportunities program; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT is focusing the competition on transportation infrastructure projects that support six key objectives: Safety; State of good repair; Economic impacts, freight movement, and job creation; Climate change, resiliency, and the environment; Equity, multimodal options, and quality of life; and Innovation areas: technology, project delivery, and financing; and

WHEREAS, Carver County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking funds to reconstruct US Highway 212, part of the National Highway System and identified by MnDOT as a Critical Rural Freight Corridor, from a two-lane rural highway to a four-lane divided expressway between County Highway 34 and County Highway 36; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will remove barriers to efficient freight movement and job opportunities, support economic vitality by providing development opportunities at key locations, preserve existing infrastructure, address climate change and environmental considerations in the project area, and improve mobility and safety for all corridor users; and

WHEREAS, the Carver County Board of Commissioners adopted a ½ percent local option sales tax in May 2017 dedicated for transportation projects. This project is identified in the implementation plan for use of these funds and is a local revenue source to match federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Carver 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 funding application; and

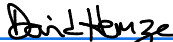
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners supports and approves submittal of the US Highway 212 Rural Freight Mobility and Safety Project for consideration to the USDOT's FY 2022 MPDG Opportunity Program to reconstruct US Highway 212 from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided expressway between County Highway 34 and County Highway 36 and authorizes and directs the Carver County Engineer to submit the applicatio

Yes	No	Absent
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Fahey		
Lynch		
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF CARVER

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this 3rd day of May 2022.


 Dave Hemze (May 4, 2022 11:37 CDT)

 Dave Hemze, County Administrator