

Date: May 10, 2022

Res. # 44-22

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE I-90 AUSTIN BRIDGES IMPROVEMENT & MOBILITY PROJECT

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held May 10, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant “MPDG” Opportunity provides dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of significant national or regional impacts or to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for \$2.85 billion in FY 2022 MPDG opportunity funds, authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, of which up to \$1 billion will be made available for the Mega program, up to \$1.55 billion will be made available for the INFRA program, and up to \$300 million will be made available for the Rural funding opportunities program; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2022 MPDG round will be implemented, as appropriate and consistent with law, in alignment with the priorities in Executive Order 14052, Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (86 FR 64355), and will focus on supporting projects that improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability consistent with the Department’s strategic goals; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for MPDG include surface transportation capital projects including highway, bridge, or other road projects as well as public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, port infrastructure investments, and intermodal projects; and

WHEREAS, the minimum award for MPDG funds under INFRA small project category is \$5 million; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking funds to replace or rehabilitate nine bridges along Interstate 90; reconstruct associated roadway improvements; and to construct a network of multimodal trails and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will improve the state of good repair of the existing structures, improve the mobility and safety of surrounding corridors, accommodate future growth and support economic development opportunities, and construct multimodal connections that will remove the existing barrier in regional connectivity; 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 MPDG 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 MPDG Opportunity for MnDOT’s I-90 Austin Bridges Improvement & Mobility Project.

Passed and approved this 10th day of May, 2022.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Jeff Baldus

Chairperson

By: Kish Hauer

Clerk/Administrator