

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION # _____</b></p> <p><b>TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b></p>	<p><b>ITEM # _____</b></p> <p><b>BOARD ACTION</b></p> <p>Adopted: _____  For: _____  Against: _____  Abstain: _____  Abs/Excd: _____  Vote Req: _____  Other Action: _____</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION</b></p> <p>Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____  For: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____  Against: <input type="checkbox"/> _____  Abstain: <input type="checkbox"/> _____  Abs/Excd: <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
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**RE: APPROVAL OF A 'RAISE' GRANT APPLICATION FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS INCLUDING, RECONSTRUCTION OF BAINBRIDGE STREET**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has acknowledged that there is insufficient funding to complete all identified County Roads capital improvements projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation offers the "Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity" (RAISE) Grants Program to provide dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional impact; and

**WHEREAS**, applications for the FY 2021 RAISE Transportation Grants Program are currently being solicited; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2021 Appropriations Act directs that funds provided for RAISE Transportation Grants be divided not more than 50 percent for rural areas and 50 percent for urbanized areas and requires measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of grant funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible projects for RAISE Transportation Grants 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**, La Crosse County is considered a "rural area" per RAISE grant requirements and the maximum award for this round of RAISE Transportation Grants is \$25 million; and

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County will work in partnership with the City of La Crosse, (City) and the La Crosse County Harbor Commission (LCHC) and the La Crosse Municipal Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed Project will improve access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas; improve infrastructure condition; address public health and safety; promote regional connectivity; facilitate economic growth or competitiveness and address deteriorating conditions on rural transportation infrastructure ; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project will support the Administration's priorities for creating good paying jobs, improving safety, applying transformative technology, and addressing climate change and advancing racial equity; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas, improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote regional connectivity, facilitate economic growth or competitiveness and addresses deteriorating conditions on rural transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, although there is a local match component to the RAISE project, the improvements to Fanta Reed Rd and Bainbridge St (CTH B) are projects that have already been approved in the Highway 2021 road plan as part of the 2021 budget; and

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**WHEREAS,** La Crosse County will be able to provide funding towards the local match and partner with the City, and the LCHC to contribute to the overall local match and project funding as identified in the RAISE grant application, which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance, secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to apply for this grant again and to sign all necessary contracts to implement this program;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the application for the 2021 RAISE Grant for this partnership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents required for this application, after approval by Corporation Counsel.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The County's portion of the Local Match is estimated at \$4,260,000 and the grant application amount to La Crosse County is estimated at \$6,360,000. The overall grant applied for, including all partners, is \$14,800,000 at roughly a 36% local match amount.

DATE: July 6, 2021  
Maureen J. Freedland  
PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE CHAIR  
VLLZ

July 6, 2021  
Carrie A. Hneiff  
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>SO</u>	_____	Requested By: Charlie Handy Date Requested: April 28, 2021 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021