

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Crow Wing County, Minnesota

DATE: February 14, 2023

Resolution 2023-13

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONERS: Koering and Barrows

AYES: Koering, Lubke, Barrows, Franzen, Houge

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FY 2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MN 210 IN
BRAINERD - SAFETY, MOBILITY, AND MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants Program provides dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional significance, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for \$2.3 billion for the FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program as appropriated through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) under the National Infrastructure Investments and 2023 Appropriations Act (IIJA), and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program include surface transportation capital projects including highway, bridge, or other road projects, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) intends to apply for RAISE Grant Programs funds for a project named the MN 210 In Brainerd - Safety, Mobility, and Multimodal Improvement Project, and

WHEREAS, MnDOT, the City of Brainerd, Crow Wing County, and other public and private partners have collaborated to develop a community supported improvement project on a four-mile segment of Minnesota Highway 210 (MN 210) from Baxter Drive to Pine Shores Road in Brainerd, and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will diminish the risk of fatal and serious injury crashes by reducing conflict points and enhancing several key intersections; increase mobility and multimodal opportunities by creating a network of multiuse sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, and trails accessible by underserved populations and users of all abilities; allow for the rehabilitation of the bridge over the Mississippi River as well as allow the City of Brainerd to make critical improvements to aging public utility and storm water systems, and

WHEREAS, the maximum award for the FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program is \$25.0 million, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) intends to apply for the maximum award of RAISE Grant Program funds to supplement existing funding streams and assist local agencies to meet future financial obligations associated with the project, and

WHEREAS, the County will incur a financial obligation associated with proposed intersection improvements at the junctions of MN 210 and County State Aid Highway 3 (CSAH 3) and CSAH 45, and

WHEREAS, an estimate of the County's financial obligation has been identified utilizing MnDOT's current cost participation policy and is included in Crow Wing County's 2022-2026 Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan, and

WHEREAS, if RAISE Grant Program funds are awarded to this project, Crow Wing County expects that MnDOT will equitably apply the benefits of the grant funds to the financial obligation incurred by the County as defined by MnDOT's cost participation policy in place at the time of construction, and

WHEREAS, Crow Wing County agrees to own and properly maintain the portions of the proposed project transferred to the permanent jurisdiction of the County after the project is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners supports MnDOT's application for the FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program funds for MN 210 in Brainerd - Safety, Mobility, and Multimodal Improvements Project with the expectation that any awarded funds be equitably applied to the County's financial obligation as defined by MnDOT's cost participation policy in place at the time of construction.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF CROW WING) ss

I, Timothy J. Houle, County Administrator, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on February 14, 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of February 2023.


TIMOTHY J. HOULE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR