

## **RESOLUTION 23-32**

### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FY 2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OLMSTED COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY (CSAH) 44 / US HIGHWAY (US) 14 INTERCHANGE 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 under the National Infrastructure Investments and 2023 Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program directs funds 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 FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program 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, surface transportation components of an airport project, and intermodal projects, among others; and

WHEREAS, the maximum award for this round of FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program is \$25 million under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds and \$45 million under the 2023 Appropriations Act funds; and

WHEREAS, Olmsted County is seeking funds to construct a grade separated interchange at the current intersection of CSAH 44 and US 14 and an associated flyover structure at 7th Street NW; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will reduce fatal/serious injury crashes through the existing intersections and the numerous conflict points, improve the safety, mobility, travel time reliability, multimodality, and economic and regional growth of Olmsted County; and

WHEREAS, Olmsted County will provide 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners supports and approves the application towards FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program for Olmsted County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 44 / US Highway (US) 14 Interchange Project, and authorizes and directs the County Engineer to submit the application.

Dated at Rochester, Minnesota this 21st day of February, 2023.

OLMSTED COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Gregory Wright, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Morris-Helmstetler, Deputy Clerk to the County Board