

**Resolution of Support and Approval for a RAISE Grant Application for
U.S. Highway 169/County Highway 4 Interchange Project in Zimmerman, MN**

WHEREAS, Sherburne County has acknowledged that there is insufficient funding to complete all identified County Roads capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation offers Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) Transportation grant program to provide dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2023 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) 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, the FY2023 Appropriations Act specifies that RAISE Transportation grants may not be less than \$1 million and not greater than \$25 million, except that for projects located rural areas the minimum award size is \$1million; 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, Sherburne County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is seeking funds to convert the U.S Highway 169/County Highway 4 intersection to an interchange; 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 in rural transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Sherburne County will be able to provide funding toward the local match and partner with MNDOT 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 Sherburne County to apply for this grant and to sign all necessary contracts to implement this program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners supports and approves the application for a FY 2023 RAISE grant to complete an interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in the City of Zimmerman, Minnesota and authorizes and directs the Sherburne County Engineer to submit the application.

Adopted by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of February, 2023.

District # 1 – Hulse
District # 2 - Danielowski
District # 3 – Felber
District # 4 - Gray
District # 5 - Fobbe

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE**

I, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Sherburne 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, Sherburne County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board at a meeting duly held on February 7, 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 7th day of February, 2023.



Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

