

# **THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23-03**

### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FY 2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE THREE RIVERS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK: CONNECTING GREATER MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITIES THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY, EQUITY, AND MOBILITY**

**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 \$1.5 billion for the FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program as appropriated through the National Infrastructure Investments; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Three Rivers Park District is seeking funds to fill critical links in the regional trail network, reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life, and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed improvements will result in 5.5 miles of new regional trails, 9.4 miles of reconstructed regional trails, 2.4 miles of improvements to newly designated regional trails, 3 improved major highway grade-separated crossings, 6 safe at-grade railroad crossings, and ADA improvements to over 100 curb ramps; and

**WHEREAS**, Three Rivers Park District maintains an annual Asset Management Program, a 5-year Capital Improvement Program, and a long-range Asset Management Replacement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Three Rivers Park District commits to providing the local match of the total project costs through its General Obligation Bonds, while reserving the right to pursue funding partnerships at the local, regional and state levels to share in the funding of the local match and any additional costs as needed; and

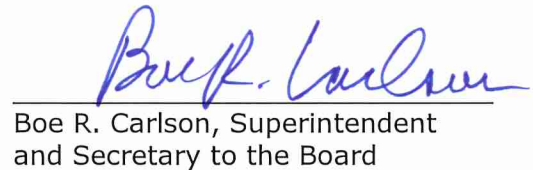
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners supports and approves the application towards FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program for **Three Rivers Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, and authorizes and directs the staff to submit the application.

The Park District Board of Commissioners adopted this resolution on the 16th day of February, 2023, by a vote of 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.



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John Gibbs, Board Chair



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Boe R. Carlson, Superintendent  
and Secretary to the Board