

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: David Chanski, City Administrator
RE: LRIP Grant Application for Buschmann Road
DATE: November 6, 2023



The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is currently soliciting applications for the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant. As part of the 2023 legislative session, the Legislature appropriated a total of \$102,967,000 for the LRIP and split the funds into three categories: Trunk Highway Corridor Account, Routes of Regional Significance Account, and Rural Road Safety Account. The maximum grant award through LRIP is \$1.5 million.

Staff and the City's engineers with WSB recommend applying for the \$1.5 million maximum grant amount for the Buschmann Road project, which would fall under the Routes of Regional Significance category. If awarded the full amount, this grant would reduce the current estimated construction costs of Buschmann Road by approximately 40%.

As part of WSB's contract with the City, WSB will prepare and submit all application materials on behalf of the City. The grant deadline is December 8, 2023. MNDOT currently expects to announce grant awards in late March/early April 2024.

Part of the application requirements is a supporting resolution for the local governing entity. The attached Resolution 15-2023 is such a supporting resolution. Additionally, this resolution will be going before the Ideal Township Board on November 13 for adoption as well as before the Crow Wing County Board on November 21.

Council Action

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution 15-2023, a resolution supporting pursuit and submission of 2023 Local Road Improvement Program from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of Buschmann Road.