

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-040

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZING THE PURSUIT OF 2026 LOCAL REGIONAL SOLICITATION FUNDING FOR THE 44th AVENUE MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Regional Solicitation Program provides federal transportation funding for projects as part of the Metropolitan Council's federally required continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process for the 7-County Twin Cities Metropolitan Area; and

The Metropolitan Council is accepting candidate projects for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2028-2031 and providing up to 80 percent of the project construction cost for transportation projects; and

The City of Columbia Heights is seeking Regional Solicitation funds to construct 44th Avenue Multimodal Improvements Project, generally located along 44th Avenue NE, including corridor improvements such as the addition of a shared-use path, sidewalks, and intersection crossing enhancements; and

Construction of this Safety Reactive project will improve conditions for all users by introducing dedicated pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, reducing vehicle speeds through roadway reconfiguration, shortening crossing distances, and incorporating raised crossings to enhance safety and visibility; and

The project addresses current deficiencies along the corridor, including the lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and supports improved connectivity across a critical east-west route, including access near a key railroad crossing; and

The project is consistent with local and regional plans that prioritize safety, multimodal transportation, and improved access, and will support anticipated growth and future transit investments, including planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service along Central Avenue/TH 65; and

The proposed year for project construction is 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia Heights City Council authorizes the submittal of a 2028-2031 Regional Solicitation application and commits to maintaining the project following construction.

ORDER OF COUNCIL

Passed this 8th day of June 2026

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call:

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor

Attest:

Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary