



City of Dyersville
City Administrator's Office

July 1, 2026

Mayor Jeff Jacque and City Council Members
City of Dyersville
Memorial Building
340 1st Avenue East
Dyersville, IA 52040

RE: Resolution No. 60-26 – Approval of the Iowa DOT Federal-Aid Agreement for the 3rd Avenue Bridge Project (Competitive Highway Bridge Program)

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members:

I am writing in support of Resolution No. 60-26. The resolution approves a Federal-aid Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT). The agreement allocates federal grant funds to the 3rd Avenue bridge project. The resolution also authorizes the Mayor to sign. This is the next step in a project the Council has been working on for more than a year.

The 3rd Avenue bridge crosses the North Fork Maquoketa River. It was built in 1967. The 2024 bridge inspection rated it as Poor. The deck is cracking, and the steel is rusting. The bridge has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced.

On February 17, 2025, the Council approved Resolution No. 26-25, which joined the City with Iowa DOT and two partners in a joint grant request. The grant program is the Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP). The City is one of three partners in Bridge Bundle 5, along with Dubuque County and Jackson County. The grant has now been awarded. In May 2026, the Council approved Resolution No. 50-26 for the design contract with WHKS & Co. This Federal-aid Agreement is the next step and sets the terms for the federal funds.

Under the agreement, the City is the lead local agency for the bridge. The City oversees project development, construction inspection, and completion. The Dyersville bridge will be bundled with the Dubuque County and Jackson County bridges. The bundle will be bid out through Iowa DOT.

The agreement sets the preliminary estimated cost of the Dyersville bridge at \$1,777,900. The CHBP grant reimburses 80% of eligible construction costs, capped at \$1,422,320. The City pays the twenty percent match. Based on the current estimate, the City's match is about \$355,580. The

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City also pays for costs the grant does not cover, including design, right-of-way, and administration.

The design work is already under contract with WHKS & Co. The not-to-exceed fee is \$122,300 (Resolution No. 50-26). The funding source for the City's share will be determined as the project moves toward bid letting in Fiscal Year 2027. Approving this agreement now does not lock in a funding source for the construction match. It keeps the project on schedule and protects the federal grant award.

Federal rules require the project to be under contract by September 30, 2027. The project must be paid in full by September 30, 2032. If the project is not under contract by the 2027 deadline, the agreement is null and void. Signing the agreement now keeps the project on track and protects the City's right to the grant funds.

I recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 60-26. The resolution approves the Iowa DOT Federal-Aid Agreement (Iowa DOT Agreement No. 6-26-CHBP-025) for the 3rd Avenue Bridge Project and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Michel", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Mick J. Michel
City Administrator
