

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Resolution 2024-149 Supporting Grant Application for Local Match Funding in Support of the Midtown Central Corridor Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to obtain support for the City to apply for the non-federal match requirement included in the Department of Transportation's FY2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

PDT's Engineering, in collaboration with the Midtown Business Improvement District, pursued funding under prior year's 2024 RAISE discretionary grant program. The request for funds was in support of the Midtown Central Corridor Project. Engineering requested funds under Colorado's Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Local Match (LOMA) grant program to support part of the City's required match for the project. Notwithstanding being awarded funds under the LOMA grant program, the City was unsuccessful in the request for funds under the 2024 RAISE grant program.

Considering the Midtown Central Corridor Project being a priority project, combined with the Midtown Business Improvement District's partnership and financial support, Engineering is pursuing planning funds under the FY2025 RAISE grant program in support of the project. The Midtown Central Corridor Project will finalize plans for future construction in 2028 of the 1.33-mile corridor of College Ave from Boardwalk Drive to, and including, the West Drake Road intersection. The scope of the design covers infrastructure updates for the corridor to improve safety for all modes of travel, business access, ADA access, active modes infrastructure, access to the adjacent bus rapid transit line and regional Mason trail, and stormwater drainage.

The FY2025 RAISE federal funding opportunity requires the City to contribute at least 20% of total project costs. Although the City has committed funds, combined with a cash contribution from Midtown Business Improvement District, there is a funding gap in meeting the match requirement for the proposed planning project.

To support meeting the funding gap for the City's required match for the proposed planning project under the FY2025 RAISE grant program, the City intends to apply for grant funds under DOLA's LOMA grant program to cover the needed matching funds.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Support of PDT's Engineering in applying to this DOLA LOMA grant program does not impact City finances. If the grant is awarded, the City will seek appropriation of such grant funds from Council.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration