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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: SHANNON VASSEN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: RESOLUTION 2024 – 36 – A Resolution Supporting a Congressional Directed Spending Award for the Maple Street Bridge Replacement, and Authorizing Staff to Execute the Intergovernmental Agreement.

BACKGROUND

Each year, members of the United States Congress and Senate accept requests from governments and non-profit organizations for community projects to be funded through Congressional Directed Spending. These projects are accepted through an application process, then some are recommended for funding by each representative, and then may be approved through the federal appropriations process. In March 2023, the City of Fruita submitted four projects to be considered for Congressional Directed Spending. One of those projects, the replacement of the Maple Street Bridge. Both Senators Hickenlooper and Bennett supported the project, and the City of Fruita was awarded \$1.75 million in federal funds for construction of the project.

Now that the award has been approved, staff received the Contract/Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) last week from the Colorado Department of Transportation. The IGA asks a resolution from the City Council and two signatures to execute the agreement. Per the Fruita Municipal Code, the City Manager is allowed to enter into grant agreements due to the position, and this resolution authorizes either the Assistant City Manager (if not acting in the Interim City Manager Capacity) or Finance Director to act as the secondary signature.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is a significant fiscal impact to this resolution as the City of Fruita will be receiving \$1.75 million in federal funds for the replacement of the Maple Street Bridge.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The replacement of the Maple Street Bridge has been a priority of the City of Fruita for several years, and has been included in the past few budgets for design, right-of-way acquisition, and now construction funds (included in the 2025 Draft Budget). This award allows the City of Fruita to complete this project with significant support from our federal partners.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- Approve Resolution 2024-36 – A Resolution Supporting a Congressional Directed Spending Award and Authorizing Staff to Execute the Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Advise staff to propose changes to the agreement and then authorize staff to execute after the changes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION 2024-36: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING AWARD FOR THE MAPLE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO EXECUTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.