



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City to make application to the MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Development Partnerships grant program for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit (MARTI) Project

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BACKGROUND:

With funding from the MNDOT CAV Challenge program advancing toward a final contract, potentially by September, staff is looking to other funding partners. The Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation has expressed support for this project and has encouraged an application to their Development Partnerships grant program.

The grant request of \$300,000, if approved, would be applied towards a portion of the operational expenses of the 18-month autonomous shuttle service.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion adopting a resolution authorizing the City to make application to the MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Development Partnerships grant program for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit (MARTI) project.