

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET WEST – REBUILDING A MAJOR CORRIDOR PROJECT UNDER THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM; WITHIN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Independence met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026, and by majority vote endorsed and authorized the 1st Street West – Rebuilding a Major Corridor Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Independence has proposed to revitalize and upgrade 1<sup>st</sup> Street West through this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will improve transportation mobility and safety for motorized and non-motorized travelers and resiliency along the corridor by replacing and upgrading infrastructure that is coming to the end of its service life. The project will provide for the reconstruction of the roadway, intersection improvements, and the addition of a roundabout for the 20th Avenue intersection to moderate the speed of traffic entering the City and accommodate future traffic volumes. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue signalized intersections are being studied to determine whether signal modifications/removals are warranted. The project will also work to address existing safety concerns and gaps in the active transportation network along the corridor by providing an 8’ wide trail and/or 5’ wide sidewalk along both sides of the roadway with LED lighting for the entire length of the project. ADA crossings will be provided at all intersections along the corridor. The overhead utility lines running along the corridor are also anticipated to be moved underground for improved resiliency and aesthetics. Storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and water mains are anticipated to be replaced under 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, including the main water and sanitary sewer lines running underneath the Wapsipinicon River. The proposed stormwater design will alleviate localized flooding and drainage concerns by providing improved conveyance and incorporating bioretention cells and rain gardens at strategic locations along the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Independence is seeking funding support for this project by applying for a Federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant through the US Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, should funding be awarded, the City of Independence is willing to provide a 10% match in funds via an already secured Surface Transportation Block Grant from INRCOG, as well as local funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA**, that the Council met on Monday February 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall and by majority vote endorses the 1st Street West – Rebuilding a Major Corridor Project and provides its assurance that the City will provide a 10% match in funds via an already secured Surface Transportation Block Grant from INRCOG as well as local funds; within the City of Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-** was passed and approved by a majority vote of the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

Record of Voting:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-** declared passed and adopted by the Mayor on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

ATTEST:

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Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

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Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCMFO,  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Independence, Iowa

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