

PI/T – 10/02/2025
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Jason Anderson
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 2, 2025
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	2025 LRIP Solicitation (S 4th Street & Country Club Drive) (Susan Drive)
Background Information:	<p>Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grants are now available for projects that are to be constructed in years 2026-2028. The 2025 LRIP appropriation is \$47,000,000 in general obligation bonds that is available for competitive grant solicitation. The maximum award is \$1,500,000 per project. LRIP funding does not require a specific local match, and funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis—i.e., local entity must finance the cost 100% up front, and submit state aid pay requests for reimbursement as costs are incurred.</p> <p>The City was successful in securing \$1,250,000 in 2020-2021 LRIP funding to resurface Channel Parkway. This project was completed in 2023 and the LRIP funding covered nearly 90% of the project cost, with Municipal State Aid Street (MSAS) funding covering the remaining 10%.</p> <p>To be considered an eligible project, the following criteria must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be a local street or highway - Must address a transportation deficiency and/or improve safety - Must be located on a local road that is impacted by a trunk highway project, or must be a regionally-significant route, or must be located on a County State Aid Highway <p>City staff has identified two possible projects that may be eligible for LRIP funding.</p> <p>S 4th Street/Country Club Drive Reconstruction: this is a 2027 project on our CIP. We already have secured 2027 LRBP funding in the amount of \$550,000 and 2028 LRBP funding in the amount of \$274,000 for this project. Staff desires to utilize a concrete surface for this project and applying for additional LRIP funding would help to reduce the impact to our MSAS balance. Our current CIP lists this project at \$3,145,900, with an MSAS impact of \$1,266,800. An LRIP grant would be a significant benefit to our MSAS balance. Layout for this project is included in the packet.</p> <p>Susan Drive Intersection Improvements: this project is not yet included on our CIP. This is an MSAS route and the pavement surface is nearing the end of its useful life. While we could simply mill and overlay this surface with MSAS funding, staff believes that this intersection could function more efficiently and safely if it is reconstructed over a smaller footprint.</p> <p>Two alternatives are included in this packet for consideration. The preferred alternative is a reconfigured layout that clearly defines Susan Drive as the primary route by eliminating a stop sign and allowing Susan Drive to flow unimpeded up to the traffic signal at US 59. A secondary alternative is a tightened intersection that significantly reduces the width of the streets and the intersection by reducing the number of lanes on each leg of the intersection. The layout of the intersection is largely the same, functioning as a three-way stop.</p>

	While staff prefers the reconfiguration, the neighboring business was opposed to this layout back in Fall 2023 when we approached them about the reconfiguration. At the time, they were still working to solidify building tenants, and they thought the change may impact their ability to lease the space. Staff is looking for Council direction on these two layouts today.
Fiscal Impact:	No impact today beyond staff time and effort to submit LRIP applications. Grant awards will help offset future MSAS expenses. Staff has been working diligently to rehabilitate the funding levels in our MSAS account as we look to the future with more needs than available funding.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendations:	Recommend that staff submit both S 4 th /Country Club and Susan Drive projects for LRIP grant funding.