

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-107

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PURSUIT OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR US 59 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS, CR 7/AIRPORT ROAD TRAIL CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAIL REALIGNMENT, AND US 59 TRAIL EXTENSION

WHEARAS, the Minnesota Active Transportation Infrastructure Program provides grant funding for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects that will improve transportation options and reduce vehicle miles traveled; and

WHEREAS, the program was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2017 and is defined in Minnesota Statute 174.38; and

WHEREAS, in this funding cycle the Minnesota Department of Transportation will award \$3.5 million in state funding to selected projects that will effectively address safety concerns, equity, and engage the community in project development; and

WHEREAS, due to the project's proximity to schools, the need to improve safety at the A Street/US Highway 59 intersection was identified in Marshall's Safe Routes to School plan; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian amenities are limited for crossing US Highway 59 in Marshall and the project area lacks sufficient pedestrian enhancements to encourage vehicles to yield to pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the CR 7 trail crossing and trail realignment is an important shared use path network and is part of the Camden Regional Bike Trail; and

WHEREAS, the existing crossing of the 45 mph CR 7 requires trail users to utilize CR 7 shoulder for approximately 180-FT; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian traffic counters have identified 6,235 users near the CR 7 crossing between July 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a shared use path extension along US 59 between Boyer Drive and Windstar Street fills a trails gap in an important retail and destination center in Marshall; and

WHEREAS, creating and maintaining a trails network that safely connects people with destinations is critical to ensuring that a trails system is fully utilized and functional for the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will enter construction during the 2023/4 calendar year and will have a useful life of over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marshall, as the applicant is prepared to execute the grant agreement and ensure the proposed project meets all project milestones and deadlines; and

WHEAREAS, by installing pedestrian safety enhancements and extending trail gaps, the project sites will be consistent with the rest of Marshall and provide a safer pedestrian experience; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Marshall City Council hereby approves to lead the City of Marshall's pursuit of Active Transportation funds for the US 59 pedestrian crossing improvements, the CR 7 trail alignment and crossing improvements, and the US 59 trail extension; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Marshall recognizes that Active Transportation grants are paid on a reimbursable basis and agrees to finance the total project cost before submitting a request for reimbursement;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Marshall is committed to the development and construction of the proposed project in a timeframe that supports grant agreement requirements.

Passed and adopted by the Council this 27th day of December, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk