



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) include the existing bridge on Ashbury Drive over the Middle Branch of the Rouge River in the State Local Bridge Program List for Replacement. If MDOT selects the bridge, the City of Novi will accept 100% of the design engineering costs and 5% of the total construction cost.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City engineering consultant, OHM Advisors, completed an annual inspection of the Ashbury Drive bridge over the Middle Branch of the Rouge River in September 2023. The bridge is recommended for replacement through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Bridge Program due to the structure being in poor condition.

MDOT is currently accepting applications for the (FY 2027) Local Bridge Program and staff is submitting the Ashbury Drive bridge in the Local Bridge Program. If the bridge is selected, the City would only be responsible for 5% of the construction costs. The bridge is estimated to cost \$2,168,000. The City would be responsible for 100% of the associated design engineering fees in the amount of \$135,500 (6.25% of \$2,168,000). The estimated construction cost the City would be responsible for is \$108,400 (5% of \$2,168,000).

As part of the application process, the applicant is required to provide a current resolution, signed, and dated, from the governing board supporting the project. The adoption of the proposed resolution would demonstrate support from the City to MDOT for the replacement of the bridge and that the City will make the reasonable effort necessary to accomplish this effort. Any application not containing a signed resolution will be considered incomplete and will be rejected.

The City Attorney has reviewed the resolution and sees no legal impediment (Beth Saarela, March 11, 2024).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adoption of Resolutions requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) include the existing bridge on Ashbury Drive over the Middle

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