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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CC: JOSHUA M. TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: KEN ONDICH, PLANNING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
KYRA CHAPMAN – PLANNER
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MNDOT LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (LRIP) GRANT APPLICATION
DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2023

As the Council is aware, the City is has been working on an application for the MnDOT Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant for the repaving and reconstruction of 10th Ave SE from 1st St SE to CSAH 29. The LRIP grant can fund 2024-2026 construction projects that impact trunk highways, routes of regional significance (which is the category that 10th Ave. SE falls into), or rural CSAH. The grant funding can cover all construction costs, but it will not cover consultant engineering, inspection, public or private utilities, right-of-way acquisition, or standalone enhancement projects. No match is required, and the City may request a maximum of \$1,500,000.

The 10th Ave SE reconstruction project would likely begin in 2025 and include mill and overlay, painted crosswalks, raised medians, the installation of a mini-roundabout at the intersection of 3rd St SE and associated pedestrian refuge islands. These features are intended to mitigate traffic speeds, prevent lane departures, and improve pedestrian visibility.

Staff is still working on the final application submittal with the application being due on December 8, 2023. It is anticipated that the final grant request will be approximately \$821,000 (but this number is subject to change with final review by the City Engineer). We would not know until late March 2024 if the funding is awarded.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution supporting the MnDOT LRIP grant application.

Attachments:

- Resolution of Support
- Letter of Support from Le Sueur County Engineer – Dated 11/29/23
- 10th Ave. SE Layout from Feasibility Study – Dated 10/2/23

RESOLUTION #23-12-04-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL
SUPPORTING MNDOT LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, \$102.967 million in Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds are available, with no minimum and a cap of \$1.5 million for each project; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Prague's 2024 Street and Utility Improvement Project Feasibility Report identified median islands, painting crosswalks, and a roundabout as needed improvements along 10th Ave SE from 1st St SE to Le Sueur CSAH 29.

WHEREAS, the suggested project improvements would act as traffic calming techniques along the major collector to reduce vehicle speeds, increase pedestrian visibility, and prevent collisions and lane departures.

WHEREAS, the project considers multi-modal perspectives by adding pedestrian refuge areas at the roundabout and striped crosswalks between the sidewalk and trail along 10th Ave SE. These multi-modal considerations make pedestrian crossings more obvious to drivers, better ensuring their safety.

WHEREAS, construction will begin in 2025 and be completed in 2026.

WHEREAS, all municipal applicants must have a resolution of support from their City Councils; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Prague is a Municipal State Aid City and does not require a sponsoring agency; and,

WHEREAS, the New Prague City Council fully supports the application for LRIP Grant funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Prague understands it is responsible for all project costs not covered by LRIP grant funds including but not limited to consultant engineering, right-of-way acquisition, inspection, public or private utilities, standalone enhancement projects as well as construction costs above the LRIP grant award; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of New Prague, Minnesota, that:

1. The city council supports the reconstruction project and agrees to maintain such improvements.
2. The city council supports submittal of the LRIP application.
3. The City agrees to pay all costs associated with the project beyond the LRIP grant award.

Passed this 4th day of December, 2023.

Duane J. Jirik, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joshua M. Tetzlaff, City Administrator



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David Tiegs – County Engineer

November 29, 2023

Kyra Chapman
City of New Prague
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RE: City of New Prague's Application to MnDOT's LRIP to fund the 10th Ave SE
Reconstruction Project

Dear Ms. Chapman:

I'm pleased to hear that the City of New Prague is applying to the MnDOT LRIP to fund the reconstruction project along 10th Ave SE from 1st St SE to CSAH 29. The reconstruction project will provide multiple benefits such as minimized vehicle collisions, reduced vehicle speeds, diminished lane deviations, and enhanced pedestrian visibility.

Tenth Ave SE is a major collector for new Prague, acting as a gateway to and from the City. More importantly, 10th Ave SE is an access point to CSAH 29, a significantly utilized roadway. The project will help mitigate the flow of traffic to the Le Sueur CSAH, therefore, also benefiting individuals outside City limits.

Le Sueur County supports New Prague's plans, which not only prioritizes safety but also transportation efficiency. The proposed project will create a safer passage for New Prague and Le Sueur County residents, employees, and visitors, while also considering the needs of multi-modal users.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Tiegs'.

Dave Tiegs
Le Sueur County Engineer



