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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CC: JOSHUA M. TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: KEN ONDICH, PLANNING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
EVAN GARIEPY, PLANNER
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MNDOT LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP)
GRANT APPLICATION
DATE: NOVEMEBER 24, 2025

In 2023, the City applied for the MnDOT Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) to fund the repaving and reconstruction of 10th Ave SE from 1st St SE to CSAH 29. Unfortunately, the City was not chosen at the time to receive funding. MnDOT has reopened the LRIP grant for funding of 2026-2028 construction projects that impact trunk highways, routes of regional significance (which 10th Ave SE is,) or rural CSAH. The City plans to reapply for this grant to help fund reconstruction to improve the drivability and safety of 10th Ave SE.

The grant funding can cover construction costs, but will not cover consultant engineering, inspection, utilities, right-of-way acquisition, or standalone enhancement projects. No match is required, and the City may request a maximum of \$1,500,000. City Engineer Chris Knutson is in support of this application. He is currently working on the updated feasibility report for the area, so will be able to provide updated costs and figures to incorporate with the grant application.

The 10th Ave SE reconstruction project will begin in 2026 and include mill and overlay, flashing pedestrian crossing signs, the installation of a mini roundabout at the intersection of 3rd St SE, and curb bump outs. These features are intended to mitigate traffic speeds, prevent lane departures, and improve pedestrian visibility and safety. If we are awarded the grant, it would greatly benefit the City and reduce the costs of construction.

Staff have reached out to the Le Sueur County Highway Engineer, David Tiegs. He provided a letter of support in 2023 for the City's application. For the 2025 application cycle, a Resolution from the Le Sueur County Board is required rather than just a letter of support. He will be bringing this to the Board on November 25th, 2025. We tentatively anticipate their support. Either way, the grant application requires a Resolution from City Council in support of the project.

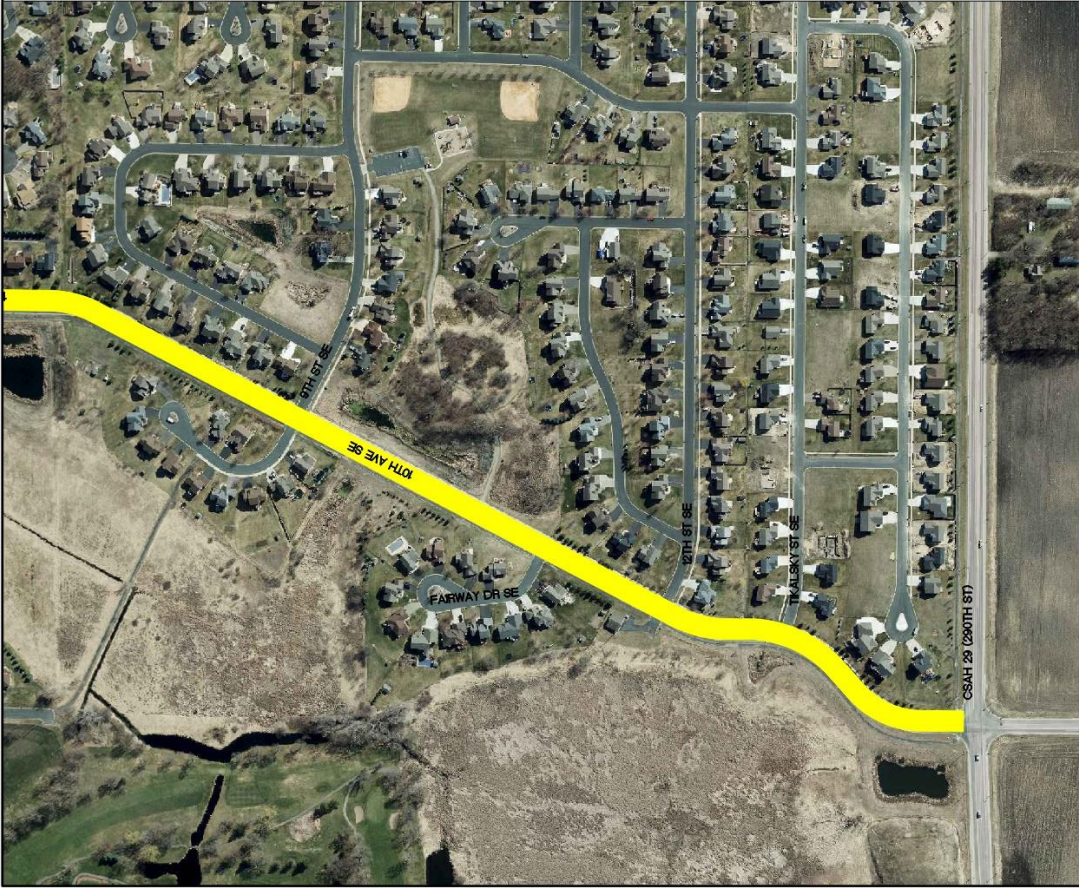
The deadline for the final application submittal is December 12th, 2025. We would not receive notification of being chosen until March 2026 at the earliest. Currently, Staff anticipates that the final grant request will be for approximately \$400,000 out of a total cost of approximately \$1.2 million, subject to change according to the City Engineer.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution supporting the MnDOT LRIP grant application.

Attachments:

- 10th Ave. SE Reconstruction Layout from City Engineer Chris Knutson, 11/24/2025
- Resolution of Support.



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NEWPR 188030

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PROJECT AREA
2026 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA

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NO. 1

