

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT PROGRAM, THE RURAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM, AND OTHER SIMILAR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS TO BE USED TOWARD THE ROUTE MM EXPANSION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Republic, Missouri, (“City” and/or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of Highway MM in and through the City (“the Project”) is expected to benefit citizens and guests of the City by, among other things, providing an alternative route of transportation, enhancing roadway safety in and through the City, and adding capacity to a rural route that is rapidly becoming a regional economic hub; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion has multiple segments, several of which remain short of the funding needed to complete the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, in partnership with the Ozarks Transportation Organization, is diligently working to fill the funding gap for the Project by, among other things, seeking available funding opportunities from outside sources such as grant programs and other accredited awards; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff are requesting Council’s authorization to apply for funding through the RAISE Grant Program, the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, and other similar discretionary programs, all of which (if awarded) would be used toward the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff are additionally requesting Council’s authorization to determine the City’s final budget for such funds up to (but not to exceed) a potential matching contribution obligation of \$1,300,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that participating in grant opportunities such as those identified herein will result in beneficial savings to the City while increasing transportation options in and through the City and improving roadway safety and security for the City’s citizens and guests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1.** The City of Republic is authorized to apply for funding through the RAISE Grant Program, the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, and other similar discretionary programs, to be used toward the Highway MM Expansion Project; and
- Section 2.** The City shall not obligate itself to a matching contribution totaling an amount greater than \$1,300,000 for any funds or grants applied for pursuant to the authorization herein without additional, separate approval from the Council.
- Section 3.** The City Administrator, or his/her designee(s), on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to implement this Resolution.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025.

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Eric Franklin, Mayor

**Attest:**

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

**Approved as to Form:**

  

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Megan McCullough, City Attorney

**Final Passage and Vote:**