



## AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 26-R-04 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City of Republic to Submit up to Three Applications to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program in Partnership with Ozarks Transportation Organization and Missouri Department of Transportation.

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### Issue Statement

The FY 2026 BUILD Application authorizes municipalities to apply for up to three projects. The City of Republic would like to apply for funds for the widening of Route MM from I-44 to Haile Street, the intersection improvement currently being designed by Olsson for Hines/ZZ, and an update to the Master Transportation Plan.

### Discussion and/or Analysis

#### Route MM Widening from I-44 to Haile Street

- The grant funds will widen Route MM from I-44 to Haile Street and make other applicable safety improvements as engineered (median, signalized intersection at FR144, etc.)
- The grant application will leverage the cost share with MoDOT as match.
- The existing Cost Share lists the local contribution from the City of Republic and Greene County at \$1,276,000.

#### Hines and ZZ Intersection

- ROW Acquisition, Construction Engineering, Utility Work, and Construction of Intersection Improvement at Hines/ZZ
- No match is required

#### Master Transportation Plan

- The City of Republic budgeted \$100,000 in the 2026 CIP to update the Transportation Plan Internally.
- The BUILD NOFO specifically mentions master plan updates as eligible for grant funding.
- If awarded, this grant would allow the City to create a more robust Master Transportation Plan that incorporates data analysis recommendations from the Department of Transportation



during grant feedback sessions. (i.e., a local High Injury Network Analysis, recommendations for where technological innovations could be implemented to improve safety)

None of these grant applications obligate the City of Republic to spend any more additional local funds. Additionally, the City of Republic will bring any awards to City Council for approval before they are accepted.

**Recommended Action**

Staff requests approval.