
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Support for Federal Appropriations
DATE: April 15, 2024

OVERVIEW:

Each year Federal leaders allow cities and organizations to submit requests for federal grant assistance. This year, Staff submitted two requests;

1. Assistance on the Hwy 47 project environmental and design
2. Utility Replacement and Expansion along the Hwy corridor.
 - Cree to Ambassador needs a replacement that is to be completed before or at the time of the Hwy 47 Reconstruction.
 - Ambassador to 241st is an expansion that would support the growth needs of the water and sewer treatment plants to support rates through future development

Congressman Emmer's office has selected the Utility Replacement and Expansion project to move forward for funding requests. A requirement of the request is that the city submit a resolution along with letters of support. Staff has reached out to several others to also submit letters and we are collecting those to be submitted to Emmer's team.

The funding allows the full replacement and expansion project to be completed at the same time saving costs through mobilization and inflation. Staff requested \$6 million in funding and learned that the Federal requirements would cap our request at \$4.5 million. This still creates a successful project and allows us to move forward with the two phases.

- If we do not receive funding the City will finance \$3 million for the required work along Hwy 47 from Cree Street to Ambassador.

- If we receive funding, the City will pay \$1.5 million for both phases of the project to be completed at the same time.

If funds are received through this process the project would begin prior to the Hwy 47 reconstruction. Staff and Engineering need to begin preparing for the project whether we receive Federal funding or not. Funding however would advance the full project timelines faster. Early conversations with Engineering have been in process and will continue to proceed to the next level.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Approve Resolution 2024-13 – A Resolution Supporting a Request for Federal Appropriations.

Council to authorize Engineering to design plans and specs for the two phases of the project.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2024-13 Supporting a Request for Federal Appropriations
- Map of St. Francis Utility System
- Image of North Trunk Alternate 4
- Image of South Trunk Alternate 1