



AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Abby Christian, Grant Administrator

DATE: 06 February 2024

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FY24 RAISE GRANT – AC

Request: Seeking the Council’s approval to submit the RAISE proposal. If awarded, this funding would be used for the planning and engineering of Tupelo’s Eason Boulevard bridge (below).

Agency: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Grant: FY24, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Amount: \$1,524,641.00

Match: No match

Submission Deadline: 28 February 2024

Overview: This project seeks to improve issues related to access, safety, and traffic congestion. This RAISE request is for funding to complete the engineering of a highway overpass at the Eason Boulevard and Kansas City Southern Crossing. Eason Boulevard serves as an arterial for traffic to access highway 45 to the east and the North Mississippi Medical Center to the west. The average daily traffic count is currently 25,000 Vehicles. As a freight train moves through this crossing, traffic must stop, and anyone with a medical emergency on the east side of the crossing must wait an indefinite time before they can reach the area hospital. Also, the removal of the at-grade crossing will eliminate a potential vehicular/train accident (as well as bicycles and pedestrian).