

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR “RECONNECTING WEST MONROE: EQUITABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SAFE STREET DESIGN” FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY23 RAISE TRANSPORTATION GRANT, INCLUDING CERTIFICATION OF MATCHING FUNDS AND OTHER REQUIRED CONDITIONS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe has determined that it has a significant need with regard to transportation connectivity focused in an area which is historically significant to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it can address that need with focused improvements relating to the six street area components in this project: Highland Park, Trenton Street Corridor, Downtown, Stella/Mill Gateway, Natchitoches Street, and the Coleman Corridor, through the following program activities:

1. Reconstructing deficient roadways
2. Adding shared use pedestrian facilities including bike paths and LED lighting
3. Improving drainage to reduce flooding
4. Burying aging utilities
5. Redesigning the streetscape to increase foot traffic
6. Comply with ADA accessibility standards

with a more complete explanation of the overall project shown on the attached Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, although the City does not have access to the funding needed to accomplish that project, obtaining a grant from this program, together with local funding, would allow the City to accomplish those goals.

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to apply for a United States Department of Transportation FY23 RAISE Transportation Grant for the project “Reconnecting West Monroe: Equitable Economic Opportunities Through Safe Street Design” with an estimated total project cost of \$21,182,594.75, comprised of a RAISE program grant request of

\$16,937,594.75, together with a required combined contribution from the City, the Louisiana Department of Transportation, and other local sources of twenty percent, or \$4,245,000.00, together with providing any and all necessary certifications of required conditions.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and take any and all necessary actions relating to the application which are either necessary or desirable in order to fulfill the application requirements of the grant program.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, this 21st day of February, 2023, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 2023

CHRISTEN HEATH, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
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