Steele County
Agenda Item

Subject: Approve Resolution of Support for the Medford CSAH 45 Project Grant Application to the Local Road Improvement Program

Department: Highway

Committee Meeting Date: February 11, 2021

Board Meeting Date: February 23, 2021

Consent Agenda: ☒ Yes ☐ No **Resolution:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Policy Committee Recommendation:

Move to Board for Approval

Recommendation:

Approve resolution of support for the Medford CSAH 45 project application to the Local Road Improvement Program

Background *(Including Budget Impact)*:

The LRIP is a State bond funded program available to local agencies on a competitive basis. The 2020 Legislature provided $75 million for LRIP.

Steele County and the City of Medford have jointly planned a construction project for the segment of CSAH 45 within the city limits in 2021.

The total cost of the CSAH 45 roadway project is currently programmed at $1,525,000 in the Highway CIP. The current estimate of eligible construction costs is $1,170,600 The application will request $1,000,000.

Project applications are due March 3, 2021 and project selections should be announced in May 2021.

Attachments:

Resolution

LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RESOLUTION
STEELE COUNTY

WHEREAS the State legislature has provided $75 million in Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funding, and

WHEREAS LRIP funds can be used on reasonable elements associated with roadway construction and that other costs, including but not limited to: consulting engineering and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the LRIP award will need to have alternate funding sources, and

WHEREAS CSAH 45 from approximately 5th Ave. SE to approximately 2nd Ave. NW in the City of Medford has failing pavement and storm sewer and lacks sidewalks, and

WHEREAS the programmed project will reclaim and repave the roadway, repair storm sewer, and construct a sidewalk, and

WHEREAS CSAH 45 carries 3,500 vehicles per day in this section and is functionally classified a Major Collector, and

WHEREAS project planning has been ongoing since 2019, and

WHEREAS CSAH 45 is a route of regional significance as a farm to market route, part of the County's 10-ton route system and in conjunction with Rice County CSAH 45 directly connects the cities of Owatonna and Faribault, and

WHEREAS the residents and businesses of the City of Medford and Steele and Rice Counties will directly benefit from the project as well as the 3,500 vehicles per day that use the roadway, and

WHEREAS the project will benefit Steele County and the City of Medford with reduced road maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS the project will benefit pedestrians with the addition of a sidewalk, and

WHEREAS the current estimated construction cost is $1,749,370 and planned for 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The County Board supports the project and agrees to maintain such improvements.
2. The County Board supports submittal of the LRIP application.
3. The County provides assurances that the County will pay all costs associated with the project beyond the LRIP grant award.
4. The County understands the responsibilities associated with delivering a State-Aid project and will coordinate delivery with the MnDOT District State-Aid Engineer.

STEELE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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James Brady, Chair

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution presented to and adopted by the Steele County Board at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of February 2021, as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.

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Laura Ihrke, Steele County Auditor