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COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

**December 7, 2023 - Addendum
Local Road Improvement Program Grant Application
Public Works
Aaron Holmbeck
Time needed: 5 Minutes**

Issue:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is accepting applications for funding Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) projects. The deadline for the applications is December 8, 2023.

Discussion:

The rural segment of CSAH 47 between TH 60 and CSAH 14, and the rural segment of CSAH 14 between CSAH 47 and 6th Street in Brewster, MN would be good candidates for this funding. A key component of the grant evaluation is routes of regional significance. The bean plant facility in Brewster receives a significant amount of regional and even out of state truck traffic along the TH 60 corridor. A resolution for Board support is needed from the County to move forward with this application.

Options:

- Approve a resolution in support of the project.
- Do not pursue LRIP funding at this time.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends submitting an application for LRIP funding for CSAH 47 and 14 in Brewster by approving the attached resolution.

Attachments:

- Resolution 202346 supporting the application and use of LRIP funds

Resolution 202346

WHEREAS, Nobles County is responsible for maintaining County State Aid Highways to serve both local and regional transportation needs, AND

WHEREAS, the rural segment of CSAH 47 between TH 60 and CSAH 14, and the rural segment of CSAH 14 between CSAH 47 and 6th Street in Brewster, MN, is rapidly deteriorated primarily due to a significant increase in trucking agricultural products from regional farming operations to a large and expanding soy bean plant processing facility located in the city of Brewster in Nobles County, MN AND

WHEREAS, Nobles County has prioritized the improvement of this route to a 10 ton design strength to address the substandard pavement section and make this route sufficient for heavy truck traffic, AND

WHEREAS, Nobles County previously included and authorized this project as part of the County's 5 Year Road Improvement Program for 2022 but was unable to construct due to available funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Nobles County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the application and use of LRIP funds administered by the State of Minnesota and pledges support to fund all non-LRIP eligible costs, as well as LRIP-eligible items in excess of the LRIP grant amount.

Adopted by the Nobles County Board of Commissioners this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Attest:

Board Chair

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF NOBLES)

I, Bruce Heitkamp, County Administrator of said County of Nobles, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution adopted by the County Board on the ___ day of _____, 2023 and now remaining on file and of record in my office and that the same is a correct transcript and of the whole of such original.

Witness my hand and official seal this

_____ day of _____, 2023

SEAL

Bruce Heitkamp, County Administrator
Nobles County, Minnesota