



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST SUPERIOR STREET IN THE LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BETWEEN WEST MICHIGAN AND CARLTON STREETS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth ("City") apply to the RAISE Program for the Reconstruction of West Superior Street in the Lincoln Park Neighborhood between Michigan and Carlton Streets as contained in the grant program application to be submitted prior to July 12, 2021 and that the mayor and clerk are hereby authorized to apply to the United States Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program in the amount of \$25,000,000 for the funding of this project;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City hereby commits to provide no less than 100 percent of the project cost contribution in excess of any grant provided by the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City has not violated any federal, state, or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest, or other unlawful or corrupt practices;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the Secretary of Transportation of the United States of America, the mayor and clerk may enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the above referenced project and local match, and any project costs above the grant award will be paid from the appropriate funding source. The City certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor and clerk are authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the city.

This grant application in the amount of \$25,000,000 represents a significant share of the \$31,250,000 estimated project cost to reconstruct West Superior Street in the Lincoln Park Neighborhood between Michigan and Carlton Streets. If a grant is awarded, the city will prepare a community-driven design process, prepare construction engineering, and proceed to reconstruct West Superior Street, replacing all underground utilities (water, sewer, storm, fiber, street lighting) and the above-ground streetscape with new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps, bike accommodations, transit stops, street lighting, plantings and other amenities. Currently, the city does not have the proposed project listed in the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan. If the grant is received, funding for the city's share of costs would need to be secured for engineering during 2022-2025 and prior to construction which could begin in 2026.