

# Council Agenda Item 26-0168R



**MEETING DATE:** March 9, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT), FOR THE PLANNING STUDY OF THE I-35 CORRIDOR WITHIN THE DULUTH CITY LIMITS FROM THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800,000.00.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jenn Moses, Planning & Economic Development Department

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

Resolution No. 23- 0719R, passed on September 26, 2023, authorized the application of a planning study for I-35 within the Duluth city limits for the federal Reconnecting Communities Program from the United States Department of Transportation for a total of \$1,800,000.00.

**BACKGROUND:** This resolution authorizes the proper city officers to execute a grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for the I-35 Reconnecting Communities planning study in the amount of \$1,800,000.00.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** The grant is budgeted to cover 80% of the estimated planning study costs of the I-35 Reconnecting Communities project. The \$450,000 match will be provided by the IJA State Match program. Grant monies will be deposited into Fund 210-030-3217-4210-02, City Project 2233, S.A.P. 118-109-021.

**OPTIONS:** Approve or request revisions from USDOT and delay project

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve to authorize acceptance of the grant

**ATTACHMENTS:** Grant Agreement Under the Fiscal Year 2023 Reconnecting Communities Program (Exhibit A), Grant Request Overview and Map.