

# Council Agenda Item 26-0548R



**MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE OF MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF DULUTH FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE PLANNING STUDY FROM THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR THE I-35 CORRIDOR WITHIN THE DULUTH CITY LIMITS.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

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

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

Resolution No. 26-0168R, passed on March 9, 2026, authorized the City to enter into a grant agreement with the US DOT for the planning study for I-35 within the Duluth city limits for the Reconnecting Communities Program for a total federal funding amount of \$1,800,000.00.

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 an agency agreement between the City of Duluth and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to cooperatively partner on the I-35 Reconnecting Communities planning study. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 161.36, the City desires MnDOT to act as the City's agent in accepting federal funds on the City's behalf.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** This project is covered by Federal and State funding. Grant monies will be deposited into Fund 210-030-3217-4210-02, City Project 2233, S.A.P. 118-010-030.

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

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** State of Minnesota Agency Agreement for Federal Participation in Preliminary Engineering (Planning Study).