

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF MISSOULA'S REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT APPLICATION, 2022 MULLAN RAISE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Missoula County, in partnership with the City of Missoula, applied for a \$23.19 million BUILD grant in 2019 and was awarded \$13.0 million. In continued partnership, the agencies are applying for a 2022 RAISE Grant that will fund additional complete street improvements and trails. These two Grants collectively will construct road and trail infrastructure on the western edge of the City of Missoula; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this new grant application project is to fund portions of the overall Mullan BUILD project including: sidewalks, protected bicycles lanes along Mary Jane Boulevard and George Elmer Drive south, Mullan Road shared-use path between Flynn Lane and Reserve Street, and completing the Tipperary Way shared-use path; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan and portions of the project are within the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Program, and the project is identified as the core street network within the Sxwtpqyen Area Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is demonstrated need in the aforementioned documents for additional sources of funding to complete this integral portion of infrastructure improvements within the City; and

WHEREAS, the project will address a need for improvements to key networks that will provide attractive, active and connected urban transportation facilities within a future mixed-use neighborhood, reducing the need for future trips on currently congested roadways; and

WHEREAS, proposed improvements will enhance multi-modal transportation by providing safer, more convenient options for walking, biking and transit; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide for land uses and compact development that will result in tax revenues that sustain local roads over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the project will alleviate congestion and reduce the need for non-local funding of regional road systems by improving street grid connectivity and providing enhanced multi-modal transportation connections; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide critical infrastructure in an area identified as desirable for future growth, and will reduce the cost of development, supporting the City of Missoula's affordable housing policies; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE funds in combination with local contributions will fund the project; and

WHEREAS, Missoula County is committed to providing local match through ROW dedication, in-kind match and other sources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula approved the Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fee in 2021, providing up to \$17M in funding to assist with completing the full Mullan BUILD project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula is committed to matching up \$6,250,000, consisting of \$2,575,000 for transportation improvements and \$3,675,000 for water and sewer utility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City also agreed to work with the County to complete the Flynn Trail and the Mullan Trail as the next phase of the Mullan BUILD Project, as required by the Federal BUILD Grant agreement, including funding up to \$705,000 designated for those projects in the Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fee, as that funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula is providing additional match through utility installation along the proposed street corridors; and

WHEREAS, private sector partners have provided local match through ROW dedication, in-kind or funds for roadway construction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana that the City Council and Mayor support the intent of and project contained in the 2022 Mullan RAISE grant application, and commit to providing the necessary funding for specific project elements contained in the Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein

/s/ John Engen

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk

John Engen
Mayor

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