

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PROMOTING
RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT AND COST-SAVING
TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT) 2023 LOLO STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Missoula, County, with support from City of Missoula, the Missoula Metropolitan Planning, is applying for funding from the US Department of Transportation Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program grant to provide funding for the Lolo Street Bridge Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the project will replace the deteriorated Lolo Street Bridge in Missoula's Upper and Lower Rattle Snake neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the bridge has been a focus of public concern and county-led design and engagement process throughout 2023; and

WHEREAS, Lolo Street Bridge is a key connection within the Rattlesnake neighborhood as it is one of two automobile accessible bridges across Rattlesnake Creek; and

WHEREAS, the new bridge will provide improved pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations while maintaining current vehicular capacity; and

WHEREAS, the current structure, constructed in 1966, is outdated and severely deteriorating with the superstructure showing many signs of deterioration in the deck, sidewalks, and on the bottom of the structure; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge is ill-equipped to handle the increased volume and intensity of flooding that occurs in the Rattlesnake drainage and a key resiliency benefit of the proposed project is its increased bridge opening, enabling it to better handle flood events; and

WHEREAS, the Rattlesnake drainage is susceptible to wildfires, and having a reliable and accessible evacuation route is paramount. The new bridge will provide reliable, efficient, and safe evacuation, enabling quick and effective evacuations for residents in case of emergencies.; and

WHEREAS, this project will support safety, connectivity, and accessibility on an important and highly traveled connection; and

WHEREAS, the project will enable the City and County to fund the bridge replacement more rapidly than if funded entirely by through local means; and

WHEREAS, the project has a total cost of \$ \$3,672,375 with a 20% local match requirement equating to \$734,474; and

WHEREAS, this local match will be provided by a combination of fundings sources including MDT off-system bridges funding, City of Missoula Residential Special Improvement District, City Capital Improvement Program and County programming; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana that the City Council and Mayor support the intent contained in the 2023 PROTECT grant application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk

Jordan Hess
Mayor

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