

**City of Missoula, Montana
New Business Item**

Item: **Presentation and Resolution supporting Missoula County's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) 2023 Application**

Council Meeting

Date: August 14, 2023

Sponsor(s): **Aaron Wilson; Charlie Menefee**

Prepared by:

Ward(s) Affected:

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Action Required:

Support the *Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT)* Replacement of Lolo Street Bridge Project

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt and authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution to support the intent of the Lolo Street Replacement PROTECT 2023 grant application.

Timeline:

Committee discussion: August 9, 2023
Council action: August 14, 2023

Background:

The Public Works & Mobility Department is requesting the Missoula City Council to approve a Resolution to support the intent of the 2023 PROTECT grant application. The proposed grant application includes funding necessary to complete replacement of the existing, severely deteriorated bridge and improve pedestrian and bicycle connections along the Lolo Street Corridor located in Missoula's Rattlesnake Community. This grant application will provide the necessary funding to complete the replacement of the bridge including additional bicycle and pedestrian improvements. This grant is being submitted by Missoula County in coordination with City of Missoula, the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Montana Department of Transportation (MDT).

The project has a total cost of \$ \$3,672,375 with a 20% local match requirement equating to \$734,474. This local match will be provided by a combination of funding sources including MDT off-system bridges funding, City of Missoula Residential Special Improvement District, City Capital Improvement Programming and County programmed funds.

The Lolo Street Replacement Project grant application meets all the eligibility requirements as described in the of the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The application deadline is August 18, 2023.

Copied from USDOT website (link below):

"The vision of the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program is to fund projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. Projects selected under this program

should be grounded in the best available scientific understanding of climate change risks, impacts, and vulnerabilities. They should support the continued operation or rapid recovery of crucial local, regional, or national surface transportation facilities. Furthermore, selected projects should utilize innovative and collaborative approaches to risk reduction, including the use of natural infrastructure, which is explicitly eligible under the program. Also called nature-based solutions, these strategies include conservation, restoration, or construction of riparian and streambed treatments, marshes, wetlands, native vegetation, stormwater bioswales, breakwaters, reefs, dunes, and shade trees. They reduce flood risks, erosion, wave damage, and heat impacts while also creating habitat, filtering pollutants, and providing recreational benefits. Projects in the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program have the potential to demonstrate innovation and best practices that State and local governments in other parts of the country can consider replicating.”

Links to external websites:

NOFO found at on related documents page: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347585>

USDOT About: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary/>