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Memorandum:

TO: Mayor Krachmer and City Council

FROM: Kevin Watson, City Administrator

DATE: May 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Vadnais Blvd Trail Project

Recommended Action

Approval of resolution approving Ramsey County grant application and commitment of local funds for Vadnais Boulevard Trail Project between Rice Street and Koehler Street

Background

With the trail study completed, Ramsey County intends to submit a Federal Regional Solicitation Application to help fund the project. The application would be submitted this summer. If the application is submitted and awarded, it would be for funding year 2028 or 2029. In order to submit the application, Ramsey County needs a resolution from both the City of Vadnais Heights and the City of Little Canada in support of submitting the application and committing to the local cost share.

Financial Data

Below is a breakdown of estimated costs for the project with a trail on the NORTH side of Vadnais Blvd. Please anticipate the costs to change over time but the County is accounting for a 5% annual inflation increase. There is time to pursue grants and partnerships to reduce the cost to the city.

- 2022 estimate (Corridor Study): \$10 million
- 2028 cost estimate (5% annual inflation): \$13.5 million
- Maximum Regional Solicitation Award: \$5.5 million
- **Anticipated Local Project Cost: \$8.0 million (\$4 million Ramsey County/\$3.6 million Vadnais Heights/\$400,000 Little Canada)**

Attachments

- Resolution

**CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. #23-04-___

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RAMSEY COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION AND
COMMITMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS FOR VADNAIS BOULEVARD TRAIL PROJECT
BETWEEN RICE STREET AND KOEHLER ROAD/COUNTY ROAD E**

WHEREAS, Ramsey County did a study of trail options along Vadnais Boulevard east of Rice Street and west of Koehler Road

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is considering the Vadnais Boulevard Trail Project to run east of Rice Street and west of Koehler Road/County Road E

WHEREAS, the project would be funded with grant funds, Ramsey County funds, City of Vadnais Heights funds and City of Little Canada funds per Ramsey County's cost share policy; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County intends to apply for Federal Regional Solicitation funds for funding years 2028 and 2029

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Vadnais Heights:

1. Supports Ramsey County submitting for Federal Regional Solicitation Funds to help fund the Vadnais Boulevard Trail project.
2. Commits to the local funding match required as part of the Federal Regional Solicitation funding and Ramsey County's Cost Share Policy.

This Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Administrator this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Attest:

Mike Krachmer, Mayor

Kevin Watson, City Administrator

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