

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Date: May 7, 2023

Resolution No: 34-24

Motion by Commissioner: Udermann

Seconded by Commissioner: Lynch

Resolution of Support and Authorization for an Application to United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a FY24 Rural Surface Transportation Grant for the Highway 5 Mobility Improvement Project

- WHEREAS, the USDOT recently announced a discretionary funding opportunity through the FY24 Multimodal Discretionary Grant Programs, which makes \$5.5 billion in federal funds available through multiple grant subprograms; and
- WHEREAS, funded through the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Rural Surface Transportation Program funds projects that increase connectivity, improve safety, increase reliability for people and freight, improve quality of life, and generate regional economic growth; and
- WHEREAS, Carver County partnered with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the City of Victoria, the City of Chaska, and the City of Chanhassen to identify transportation system improvements in the area of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum including Highway 5, Highway 41, Rolling Acres Road, Bavaria Road, and 82nd Street West; and
- WHEREAS, the resulting Arboretum Area Transportation Plan includes an implementation framework with estimated improvement costs, project sequencing, and timeframes to guide capital improvement planning for Carver County, MnDOT, the City of Victoria, the City of Chaska, the City of Chanhassen, and their partners for improvements along Highway 5, Highway 41, Rolling Acres Road, Bavaria Road; and
- WHEREAS, the Highway 5 Mobility Improvement Project is a high priority project to address critical transportation system failures on a trunk highway and regional thoroughfare; and
- WHEREAS, Carver County is the fastest growing county in Minnesota and completion of the Highway 5 Mobility Improvement Project is critical to support planned growth for jobs and housing in the Minneapolis/St Paul Metropolitan region; and
- WHEREAS, the Highway 5 Mobility Improvement Project meets program goals by serving the mobility and safety needs of rapidly growing urban fringe community; and
- WHEREAS, once funded and constructed the Highway 5 Arboretum Area Mobility Project will provide safer, faster, and more reliable movement of goods and people through Carver County and the metropolitan region.; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and approves a 2024 Rural Surface Transportation Grant request for \$25 million to construct the Highway 5 Area Mobility Project and the board directs the Carver County Engineer to submit requested project information.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Carver County is committed to providing the 20% local funding match as required by the Rural Surface Transportation Program and ensuring all major project milestones are met. These funds will be provided either through capital investment funds or through local competitive funding sources.

Yes	No	Absent
Degler	_____	_____
Fahey	_____	_____
Lynch	_____	_____
Udermann	_____	_____
Workman	_____	_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARVER

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 7th day of May, 2024, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2024.


Dave Hemze (May 8, 2024 14:23 CDT)

Dave Hemze County Administrator



395 John Ireland Boulevard
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

April 25, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Common Application for the Trunk Highway 5 Improvements Project
in Carver County, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter is in reference to the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Common Application for the Trunk Highway 5 Improvements Project in Carver County, Minnesota. This is a locally led project on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Trunk Highway System. It will address a highly congested route with above average crash rates, building a safe pedestrian system and reestablishing natural and recreational resources in the area.

The highway serves a vehicle demand 50% above the threshold of a two-lane highway. The project will expand Trunk Highway 5 to a four-lane roadway, reduce vehicle delay up to 80% and improve safety for all users. It will also replace an existing land bridge with a bridge design that will reconnect the surrounding wetlands and Lake Minnewashta. Other safety and mobility improvements include new pedestrian underpasses in several locations to connect a regional route and other existing regional trails.

The current total project cost estimate is \$114 million. Carver County has been awarded \$22 million from regional solicitation awards and \$20 million in Minnesota state bonding. MnDOT has committed \$5.8 million. MnDOT currently has a pavement project for this highway included in the Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP). It is MnDOT's assumption at this time that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps beyond the MnDOT commitment. This project is planned for construction in 2025. MnDOT looks forward to continued cooperation with Carver County as this effort moves forward to improve this transportation need.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nancy Daubenberger'.

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Commissioner

cc: Ashley Hudson, Principal Transportation Planner, Bolton & Menk, Inc.
Khani Sahebjam, District Engineer, Metro District, Minnesota Department of Transportation

2023 Selected Project List

Minnesota Highway Freight Program

Fiscal Year	Project	Amount	Category
2026	Statewide Trucking Parking Study Update **	\$300,000	Planning
2026	Statewide Truck Parking Information Management Systems Replacement Project **	\$550,000	Safety
2026	MnDOT Rest Area Program – I-94 Enfield Rest Area Truck Parking Expansion	\$2,700,000	Safety
2026	MnDOT District 4 – Snow Fence on I-94 near Rothsay	\$2,250,000	Mobility
2026	MnDOT Rest Area Program - I-94 Big Spunk Lake Truck Parking Expansion	\$3,400,000	Safety
2026	City of Cottage Grove - 100 St SW Arterial Roadway Project	\$5,000,000	First/Last Mile
2026	Sherburne County - US169 and CR4 Rural Safety and Mobility Project	\$10,800,000	Mobility
2027	State Freight Plan Update **	\$600,000	Planning
2027	Carver County - MN5 Arboretum Area Safety Project	\$10,800,000	Safety
2027	Scott County - MN13 River, Rails, and Highway Freight Improvement Project	\$10,800,000	Mobility
2027	City of Coon Rapids - US610 East River Road Interchange	\$10,800,000	First/Last Mile
2027	Bridgewater Township - Comus Industrial Park Intermodal Facility Access Road	\$1,600,000	Intermodal
2028	MnDOT District 7 - US169 Mankato Area Revitalization	\$10,800,000	Mobility
2028	City of Clearwater - I-94 and MN24 Improvements	\$5,000,000	Mobility
2028	City of Mankato - Veterans Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation	\$6,100,000	First/Last Mile
	Total Awards:	\$81,500,000	

Note: ** Denotes MnDOT planning projects that are funded on a discretionary basis prior to awarding project funding via the solicitation.



April 24, 2024

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Buttigieg:

As the region's metropolitan planning organization, the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities region is pleased to support Carver County's Highway 5 Improvements project for consideration under the US Department of Transportation Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program. The project will address the remaining two-lane segment of Trunk Highway 5 which experiences significant congestion and safety issues between the cities of Victoria and Chanhassen and make significant investments to build out a continuous and safe pedestrian system and reestablish vital natural and recreational resources in the project area.

Highway 5 is an important corridor for commuters, transit access, tourism and recreational travelers, and freight access. The corridor currently carries 27,000 vehicles per day including 800 heavy commercial vehicles. Severe congestion frequently creates queues nearly two miles long and reduces traffic speeds nearly 40 percent. Due to the congestion and lack of acceptable gaps in traffic, many drivers and pedestrians accept smaller gaps to cross Highway 5 traffic, increasing the safety concerns along the corridor. Between 2014 and 2018, there were 187 crashes on the corridor, which is 2.5 times higher than the state average for similar roadways.

This project aligns with the regional goals and priorities of the current Transportation Policy Plan and the project was developed in partnership with all impacted agencies. For such reasons, the project was successful in securing \$22 million in three separate grants through the region's federal funding process known as Regional Solicitation. This includes a \$10 million PROTECT award that recognizes the projects sustainable design solutions.

The Metropolitan Council is committed to amending the Transportation Improvement Program and long-range transportation plan, as needed, to include this project. The Metropolitan Council is in full support of Carver County's MPDG application, and we look forward to working with the county and all other project partners to successfully deliver these important improvements.

Sincerely,


Charles Carlson (Apr 25, 2024 07:56 CDT)

Charles Carlson
Metropolitan Transportation Services Division Director
Metropolitan Council

CITY OF VICTORIA

Victoria, MN  Est. 1915

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of Victoria, I extend support for the Highway 5 Improvements Project that will address a state highway route plagued with congestion and safety issues between the Cities of Victoria and Chanhassen, while also making significant investments to build out a continuous and safe pedestrian system and reestablish vital natural and recreational resources in the project area.

Currently, Highway 5 serves 27,000 vehicles per day—including 800 heavy commercial vehicles—per day, currently serving a demand 50 percent above the threshold of a two-lane section. This is resulting in a crash rate 2.5 times the state average. The proposed project will expand Highway 5 to a four-lane roadway and reduce vehicle delays up to 80 percent, provide multimodal facilities, and improve safety for all users. The bridged design over the wetlands that surround the corridor will reconnect the wetland complexes supporting Lake Minnewashta.

The City of Victoria recognizes and understands the value of the proposed improvements on Highway 5. The extreme congestion and high crash rates along Highway 5 currently create challenges for our residents to access jobs and services in the Twin Cities metro. Within the City, Highway 5 is the main connector between Victoria's Downtown core and future growth areas to the regional area. Implementing the Highway 5 Improvements Project will help protect the vitality of the downtown area and support appropriate new commercial and residential development.

Additionally, our residents value the immense environmental amenities of Lake Minnewashta, the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and the regional trail network. This project will expand continuous multimodal access, separated from highway traffic to these regional destinations.

The City of Victoria has committed \$2.5 million to the Highway 5 Improvements Project. For nearly five years now, the project partners have been hard at work developing a shared vision to improve safety and mobility for all. We are united and bring forth this project that has been developed by the community through strong engagement and partnerships. This partnership has successfully secured 80% of the project funding and an MPDG award would fill the final funding gap. We request your support in this investment which allows the region to realize our full potential.

Sincerely,



Dana Hardie
City Manager



CITY OF CHANHASSEN

Chanhassen is a Community for Life - Providing for Today and Planning for Tomorrow

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of Chanhassen, I extend support for the Highway 5 Improvements Project that will address a state highway route plagued with congestion and safety issues between the Cities of Victoria and Chanhassen, while also making significant investments to build out a continuous and safe pedestrian system and reestablish vital natural and recreational resources in the project area.

Currently, Highway 5 serves 27,000 vehicles per day, including 800 heavy commercial vehicles, serving a demand 50% above the threshold of a two-lane highway section. This is resulting in a crash rate 2.5 times the state average. The proposed project will expand Highway 5 to a four-lane roadway and reduce vehicle delay up to 80% and improve safety for all users. Project improvements and development have been very sensitive to the surrounding resources. For example, the partners are investing in replacing an existing earth embankment with a bridged design that will reconnect the surrounding wetlands and Lake Minnewashta.

The extreme congestion and high crash rates along the corridor currently create challenges for our residents to access jobs and services in the Twin Cities metro. During peak hours significant congestion and backups make local access on and off Highway 5 unsafe and nearly impossible with very limited gaps in traffic.

The City of Chanhassen has committed \$500,000 to the Highway 5 Improvements Project. For nearly five years now, the project partners have been hard at work developing a shared vision to improve safety and mobility for all. This partnership has successfully secured 80% of the project funding and an MPDG award would fill the final funding gap. We request your support in this investment which allows the region to realize our full potential.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Howley, PE, LEED AP
Public Works Director/City Engineer



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: May 2, 2017 Resolution No.: 25-17
Motion by Commissioner: Maluchnik Seconded by Commissioner: Ische

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A ½ PERCENT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AND \$20 VEHICLE EXCISE TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Carver County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Minnesota, and a safe, efficient and reliable transportation system is critical to the quality of life and economic vitality in County; and,

WHEREAS, The County has prepared a long range roadway system plan that identifies improvement projects needed to preserve, enhance safety, and improve mobility of the transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, The plan shows that improvements are needed to the County and State highway system both of which will enhance access and mobility to and from City and Township roadways; and,

WHEREAS, Current County revenue sources will not generate enough funding to keep up with inflation and construct these critical improvements; and,

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and the MnDOT State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) does not include any major investment on the regional highway system in Carver County; and,

WHEREAS, The County and its partners are required to take the lead in providing for the highest priority transportation improvements using locally controlled revenue sources; and,

WHEREAS, The County has created a list of high priority preservation, safety and mobility improvement projects throughout the County that could be implemented in the next 20 years with additional revenue, known as the Transportation Tax Implementation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, State Statute 297A.993 authorizes County Boards, after a public hearing, to implement a sales tax of ½ percent by resolution for transportation purposes and a \$20 vehicle excise tax. (Vehicle purchases are exempt from the local option sales tax increase); and,

WHEREAS, The County proposes to implement the following Transportation Tax Implementation Plan utilizing the ½ % local option sales tax and \$20 vehicle excise tax:

- Countywide Pavement Rehabilitation
- County Road 44 and Highway 212 Interchange, Chaska
- County Road 44 from W. of County Road 61 to Highway 212, Chaska
- County Road 44 from County Road 11 to Highway 212, Chaska
- County Road 10 from Clover Ridge Dr. to County Highway 11, Chaska
- County Road 18 Extension (82nd St) from Bavaria Rd. to Highway 41, Victoria, Chaska, Chanhassen
- County Road 117 (Galpin Blvd.) from Highway 5 to North County Line, Chanhassen
- County Road 11/County Road 40 (S) Intersection, Carver
- County Road 10 (Engler Blvd.) from Highway 41 to Highway 212, Chaska
- County Road 10 (Engler Blvd.) from Highway 41 to County Road 61, Chaska
- County Road 11/County Road 43 Intersection, Victoria
- County Road 10 from County Road 11 to County Road 43 (W.), Laketown Township
- East Waconia Bypass from County Road 10 to Highway 5, Waconia
- County Road 61 (Flying Cloud Dr.) from Engler Blvd. to Bluff Creek Dr., Chaska, Chanhassen
- County Road 11 (Johnathan Carver Pkwy.) from 6th St. to County Road 40, Carver
- Highway 41/Lyman Blvd. Intersection, Chaska
- Highway 25 from High Street to White Street, Watertown
- Highway 101 Bluff from Flying Cloud Dr. to Pioneer Trail, Chanhassen

- Highway 5/Rolling Acres Rd. Intersection, Victoria
- Highway 212 from Carver to Cologne
- Highway 7/Rolling Acres Rd. Intersection, Victoria.
- Highway 41 from Mn River to Walnut Court and County Road 61 from Highway 41 to East Chaska Creek, Chaska.
- Highway 41/County Road 10 (Engler Blvd.) Intersection, Chaska
- Highway 5 from Highway 41 to Rolling Acres Rd., Chanhassen, Victoria.
- Highway 212 from Cologne to Norwood Young America
- Highway 5 from Rolling Acres Rd. to Victoria Dr. (W.), Victoria.
- Highway 5 from Main Street to Highway 284, Waconia

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on April 18, 2017 to identify these projects and take public testimony; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Transportation Tax Implementation Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes and imposes the implementation of a ½% local option sales tax and \$20 vehicle excise tax as provided under Minnesota State Statute 297A.993 commencing October 1, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the ½% sales tax and \$20 vehicle excise tax as provided under Minnesota State Statute 297A.993 for transportation improvements identified in this resolution to be continuing each subsequent calendar quarter thereafter until September 30, 2037 or until revenues raised are sufficient to finance the identified transportation improvements, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Auditor (Property and Financial Services Director) to certify the ½% local option sales tax and \$20 vehicle excise tax to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue for collection of the taxes on or before June 1, 2017; and

YES	ABSENT	NO
_____ Degler	_____	_____
_____ Ische	_____	_____
_____ Maluchnik	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____ Lynch
_____	_____	_____ Workman

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County Administrator



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: May 2, 2017 Resolution No.: 26-17
Motion by Commissioner: Maluchnik Seconded by Commissioner: Ische

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A \$20 ANNUAL WHEELAGE TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Carver County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Minnesota, and a safe, efficient and reliable transportation system is critical to the quality of life and economic vitality in County; and,

WHEREAS, The County has prepared a long range roadway system plan that identifies improvement projects needed to preserve, enhance safety, and improve mobility of the transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, The plan shows that improvements are needed to the County and State highway system both of which will enhance access and mobility to and from City and Township roadways; and,

WHEREAS, Current County revenue sources will not generate enough funding to keep up with inflation and construct these critical improvements; and,

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and the MnDOT State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) does not include any major investment on the regional highway system in Carver County; and,

WHEREAS, The County and its partners are required to take the lead in providing for the highest priority transportation improvements using locally controlled revenue sources; and,

WHEREAS, The County has created a list of high priority preservation, safety and mobility improvement projects throughout the County that could be implemented in the next 20 years with additional revenue, known as the Transportation Tax Implementation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the County currently levies a wheelage tax of \$10 per registered vehicle (motorcycles, scooters and motorized bicycles are exempt) per year, as provided by State Statute 163.05, for county highway purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of the current \$10 wheelage tax is used for county road and bridge maintenance and preservation; and,

WHEREAS, State Statute 163.051 authorizes County Boards to increase the wheelage tax up to \$20 per registered vehicle per year on and after January 1, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the extra revenue from a \$20 wheelage tax is needed to provide major rehabilitation, safety and mobility improvements to the county highway system in Carver County; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes and imposes a \$20 wheelage tax as provided under State Statute 163.051 to be deposited in the County Road and Bridge fund and used for purposes authorized by law which are highway purposes within the meaning of the Minnesota Constitution, Article 14, effective January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2037; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the use of the wheelage tax for the county highway rehabilitation, safety and construction portions of the Transportation Tax Implementation Plan as well as other county highway purposes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Auditor (Property and Financial Services Director) to certify the \$20 wheelage tax to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue for collection of the taxes on or before August 1, 2017.

YES	ABSENT	NO
<u>Degler</u>	_____	_____
<u>Ische</u>	_____	_____
<u>Maluchnik</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	<u>Lynch</u>
_____	_____	<u>Workman</u>

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