



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution supports and approves the City of Madison submission of an application to the US DOT for a Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program. If awarded, the resolution approves the acceptance of the grant and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter a grant agreement with US DOT. The requested grant amount is anticipated to be about \$1 million. This resolution commits to providing the required 20% matching funds, up to \$200,000, should the proposed grant be awarded to the City of Madison. Funding for the local match would need to be included in the 2023 Capital Budget.

Title

Supporting and approving the City of Madison's application to the US DOT for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program, the acceptance of the grant, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a grant agreement with US DOT, if awarded the grant.

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Whereas, historic transportation investments, such as Packers Ave, Stoughton Road, and the US 12/18 Bellline, have separated neighborhoods and communities, separating residents from jobs and services; and

Whereas, the City of Madison has adopted plans that call for eliminating barriers and creating new connections, including the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan (2020), the South Madison Plan (2022), and the Odana Area Plan (2021)

Whereas, the US DOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program has allocated \$50 million for planning, engineering, and engagement activities for removing, retrofitting, or mitigating barriers to reconnect communities; and

Whereas, the US DOT selection criteria for this grant include, Equity, Environmental Justice, and Community Engagement; Mobility and Community Connectivity; Community Based Stewardship, Management and Partnerships; Equitable Development and Shared Prosperity; and;

Whereas, the US DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant provide Madison the opportunity to create greater connectivity between neighborhoods, residents, and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council supports the application by the Transportation Department to submit a grant application to the US DOT for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council commit to funding the 20% local match requirements, up to \$200,000, if the City is awarded funding through this grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council authorizes Transportation staff to apply for the grant on behalf of the City, to accept the grant if awarded, and to execute and/or submit any other documents

related to the grant, in a format approved by the City Attorney, that may be necessary to comply with the grant conditions; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with US DOT, in a format approved by the City Attorney, for the US DOT Reconnecting Communities 2022 funding opportunity.