



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Lynn Sterbenz, Grants & Projects Specialist

CC: Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager; Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

DATE: January 23, 2024

RE: Resolution 24-04 To apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) FY24 Grant Program for the City South Dock, City North Docks and Piers, and Harbor Road Planning Project

SUMMARY: Resolution 24-04 approves applying for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) FY24 Grant Program seeking funding for planning and pre-construction activities for the City South Dock, City North Dock & Piers, and Harbor Road Planning Project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council has taken previous action on this specific grant. In February 2023, Council passed resolutions approving the City Manager to submit three project applications to the FY23 USDOT RAISE Grant Program.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: In 2019, the City of Saint Paul was awarded an EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance grant to complete a harbor improvement feasibility study to address current and longer-term needs at Saint Paul Harbor and inform the City's Capital Improvement Plan update. The feasibility study was released in August 2021 and outlined 3 broad phases, with multiple sub-phases, for the Saint Paul Harbor Improvements and Expansion Project. Over \$90 million in improvements have been identified for Phase 1, which focuses on upgrading and expanding the existing inner harbor facilities for improved larger vessel moorage. The City has broken Phase 1 into sub-phases, 1A through 1I.

Phase 1A of the Project addresses repairs and improvements to the City South Dock. This Project will:

- Install new modern energy absorbing fenders on the City South Dock;
- Replace and upgrade the bull rails and ladders at City South Dock;
- Install three 80-ton bollards at City South Dock;
- Install an additional five berthing dolphins with catwalks increasing the effective and usable mooring length by 250 feet to the north of City South Dock; and,

- Construct a new modern Harbormaster Office away from the breakwater in a tentative proposed location within the Small Boat Harbor uplands.

Phase 1D focuses on improvements to City North Dock and Piers which includes the following components:

- Removal of City North Dock and two City Piers
- Installation of additional 3 dolphin moorage to be in line with new pier headline. New dolphins to include modern, energy-absorbing fender system.
- Installation of two new 40' x 125' approach ramps for the dolphins.
- Installation of new catwalks between the dolphins.
- Limited three-phase shore power and fresh water at some of the new moorage spots
- Conducting maintenance dredging of local sponsor area to -29' MLLW as required, from face of berthing dolphins to federal channel, and to -25' MLLW from face of South Dock to the maneuvering basin.

Phase 1C focuses on realignment and reconstruction of the existing Haul Road through the City's Harbor district, creating the new Harbor Road, to increase safety and improve access while also reducing surface water drainage issues.

While the RAISE Grant program does allow communities to submit up to 3 project proposals, the City has received feedback from subject matter experts advising us to submit one application that encompasses planning and pre-construction activities for Phases 1A, 1C, and 1D.

This grant proposal seeks funding for the planning, engineering, design, environmental review, and cost-benefit analysis for Phases 1A, 1C, and 1D, estimated to cost \$5,200,000.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose to submit this project to another federal grant opportunity instead of this one, or not submit this project to any grant funding opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As a rural community, Saint Paul allowed to request 100% federal funding of the project. In other words, no match is required. The City would be responsible for cost overruns of the project should those occur.

LEGAL: None.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of this resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 24-04.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 24-04