



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: April 12, 2024

RE: A Resolution Of The Council Of The City Of Saint Paul Authorizing The City To Apply For The U.S. Department Of Transportation, Maritime Administration's FY24 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant

SUMMARY: Resolution 24-10 authorizes the City Manager to apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration's FY24 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council has taken previous action on this specific grant. Council has passed Resolutions approving the City Manager to submit a grant application for planning and construction activities for the City South Dock in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The City council, staff, stakeholders, and community partners have identified South Dock Harbor improvements as a high priority in need. The proposed project components 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; and 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. These improvements will increase the safety, efficiency, and level of service for the Saint Paul Harbor.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose not to authorize the City Manager to apply for this grant opportunity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: While this grant program typically requires a 20% match, the City may request a cost share waiver from the Secretary of Transportation to increase the Federal share of costs to 100% for a "small project at a small port" that is located in a rural area and the total cost is under \$11,250,000. The City intends to exercise this option.

LEGAL: None.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of this resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 24-10.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 24-10