



STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 21, 2023
REGULAR

AGENDA ITEM: Washinton County Regional Funding Solicitations

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ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL: Should the City Council direct the City Administrator to prepare and submit Letters of Support to Washington County on behalf of the City of Lake Elmo for Regional Funding Applications, including improvements to Lake Elmo Avenue (CSAH 17) from Stillwater Blvd (CSAH 14) to 43rd Street, to Manning Avenue (CSAH 15) from Stillwater Boulevard (CSAH 14) to Stillwater High School, and for Traffic Signal Battery Backup Systems?

BACKGROUND: Washington County has identified transportation improvement projects within and adjacent to the City of Lake Elmo as good candidates for Regional Funding Solicitations. The County is recommending applications on behalf of each proposed improvement and is seeking Letters of Support from adjacent jurisdictions and stakeholders.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS: Washington County staff will be in attendance to provide a brief presentation of the proposed projects, including the project need, potential scope, and potential schedule should the County be successful in obtaining outside funding assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impacts at this time. However, County improvement projects completed within the City of Lake Elmo often contain a cost participation by the City.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Direct the City Administrator to prepare and submit Letters of Support to Washington County on behalf of the City of Lake Elmo for each of the Regional Funding Applications requested (all 3 Projects).
- 2) Direct the City Administrator to prepare and submit Letters of Support to Washington County on behalf of the City of Lake Elmo for Regional Funding Applications for one or more of the proposed Projects as directed by the Council.
- 3) Direct the City Administrator not to prepare and submit Letters of Support to Washington County on behalf of the City of Lake Elmo for Regional Funding Applications for either Project.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is recommending that the City Council direct the City Administrator to prepare and submit Letters of Support to Washington County on behalf of the City of Lake Elmo for Regional Funding Applications for improvements to Lake Elmo Avenue (CSAH 17) from Stillwater Blvd (CSAH 14) to 43rd Street, for improvements to Manning Avenue (CSAH 15), from Stillwater Boulevard (CSAH 14) to Stillwater High School, and for Traffic Signal Battery Backup Systems. The recommended motion for the action is as follows:

“Move to direct the City Administrator to prepare and submit Letters of Support to Washington County on behalf of the City of Lake Elmo for Regional Funding Applications for improvements to Lake Elmo Avenue (CSAH 17) from Stillwater Blvd (CSAH 14) to 43rd Street, for improvements to Manning Avenue (CSAH 15), from Stillwater Boulevard (CSAH 14) to Stillwater High School, and for Traffic Signal Battery Backup Systems.”

ATTACHMENTS:

1. None.