



## STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 21, 2019

### **CONSENT**

**AGENDA ITEM:** TH36-Keats Avenue Acceleration Lane -Approve Local Partnership Program FY-2021 Funding Request

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jack Griffin, City Engineer

**REVIEWED BY:** Kristina Handt, City Administrator  
Chad Isakson, Assistant City Engineer  
Marty Powers, Public Works Director

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**ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:** Should the City Council approve the Local Partnership Program FY-2021 Funding Application to MnDOT for the TH36-Keats Avenue Eastbound Acceleration Lane?

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:** Last December the City retained SRF Consulting to prepare and submit, on behalf of the City of Lake Elmo, a Local Partnership Program Funding Application, formerly known as the Municipal Agreement Program, for Fiscal Year 2021. The application is for State Funding to design and construct an eastbound acceleration lane on TH36 extending east from Keats Avenue. The proposed project is intended to be similar to the eastbound acceleration lane constructed east of the DeMontreville Trail N intersection with TH36. The application is due June 5, 2019.

The MnDOT Local Partnership Program exists to help fund projects that deliver a benefit to both the local community and the trunk highway system. These funds can pay for Trunk Highway eligible construction costs and up to 8% of the construction engineering costs (for inspection, contract administration, surveying and materials testing as applicable, based on eligible costs). The Right of Way, Utility Relocation, Preliminary Design and Final Design costs are not eligible for funding. The proposed funding available for FY 2021 is \$3 million. The maximum award available for any individual project is \$710,000.

Projects selected for funding will be announced in late August, 2019. If successful, funds for selected projects will become available July 1, 2020 and projects must be let for construction by June 30, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is recommending that the City Council approve a resolution requesting funding through the Minnesota Department of Transportation FY-2021 Local Partnership Program for the TH36-Keats Avenue Eastbound Acceleration Lane. The recommended motion for the action is as follows:

***“Move to approve Resolution No. 2019-038, requesting funding through the Minnesota Department of Transportation FY-2021 Local Partnership Program for the TH36-Keats Avenue Eastbound Acceleration Lane”.***

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution approving the Local Partnership Program FY-2021 Funding Application.

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-038  
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE FY-2021  
LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE TH36-KEATS AVENUE  
EASTBOUND ACCELERATION LANE**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is currently accepting candidate projects for the Fiscal Year 2021 Local Partnership Program (LPP); and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Elmo has identified a project which will deliver a benefit to both the local community and the trunk highway system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Project, the construction of an eastbound acceleration lane on TH 36 extending eastly from Keats Avenue, will address an unsafe merging problem on the trunk highway system that is of concern to the citizens of the City of Lake Elmo; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Elmo is committed to providing the local share of the Project costs if the Project is selected as part of the FY 2021 Local Partnership Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Elmo is committed to completing the Project if selected as part of the FY 2021 Local Partnership Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,**

1. That the Lake Elmo City Council, hereby adopts this Resolution, supporting the application for funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation through the FY 2021 Local Partnership Program.
2. That if the Project, the construction of an eastbound acceleration lane on TH 36 extending eastly from Keats Avenue, is selected for funding, the city shall provide the city's share of funding and the city will be committed to completing the Project by the end of 2021.

**ADOPTED BY THE LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF  
MAY 2019.**

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Pearson  
Mayor

(Seal)  
ATTEST:

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Julie Johnson  
City Clerk