

RESOLUTION NO. 1990

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
APPLICATION FOR BUILD GRANT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is accepting applications for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant program, which are awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible to fund the refinement and implementation of the 2015 Main Street Refinement Plan, adopted by City Council in 2016; and

WHEREAS, this Plan, adopted by City Council in 2016 as a Refinement Plan to the Cottage Grove Transportation System Plan, was designed to mitigate existing conditions that are hazardous to pedestrian safety, incompatible with the needs of altered people, and detrimental to economic development and the historic character of the Historic Commercial District. It recommends the repaving of Main Street and adjacent alleys; installation of accessible sidewalks with street trees; new in-ground infrastructure; and improved aesthetics for Main Street and the adjacent streets within the Downtown Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the full implementation of this Plan, through a construction project titled the Cottage Grove Main Street Revitalization Project (Project), will cost over \$14 million; and

WHEREAS, successful completion of this Project will enhance safety, accessibility, multi-modal opportunities, infrastructure, and aesthetics within the Downtown Cottage Grove Historic District, Cottage Grove's civic, commercial, and entertainment heart, and will greatly improve the economic future of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, completion of this project will provide improved regional mobility through Main Street toward the west via the Cottage Grove Lorane Highway; and

WHEREAS, funding of this project would be impossible without BUILD Transportation grant support, which would cover all construction costs, allowing City matching support to be focused upon engineering, surveying, permitting, administration, and business support during construction; and


WHEREAS, the City Council of Cottage Grove is committed to ensuring the City has available staffing capacity to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded, will be prepared to obligate funds by June 2021, and complete construction by 2025;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Transportation's BUILD grant program to fund the Cottage Grove Main Street Revitalization Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR
THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

ATTEST:


Richard Meyers, City Manager
Date: June 24, 2019


Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor
Date: June 24, 2019