



Request for Council Action

Originator Public Works	Item Resolution to apply for Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant
Agenda Section Consent Agenda	Date 08/24/2015

Description

The Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant program is a joint effort of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). The program's purpose is to fund construction, reconstruction, and improvement of state and local transportation infrastructure that creates and preserves jobs, improves the state's economic competitiveness, increases the tax base, accelerates transportation improvements to enhance safety and mobility, and promotes public-private partnerships. A total of \$30 million is available through the 2015 TED program solicitation, with a maximum award of \$10 million provided to any one project.

The westbound on-ramp to I-494 at East Bush Lake Road (County State Aid Highway 28) was not constructed with the initial construction of I-494 in this area due to conflicts with an existing railroad bridge. Additional design options for the westbound on-ramp have been considered and an on-ramp configuration has been evaluated that would no longer conflict with the existing railroad bridge (see enclosed map). This project is a perfect candidate for the TED grant, as it will have an economic impact on both the existing businesses and vacant development sites in the Normandale Lake District in Bloomington, as well as redevelopment areas north of I-494 in Edina.

The total estimated project cost is approximately \$23.4 million for construction in 2017. The City was successful in receiving a Federal grant in the amount of \$7.28 million and Hennepin County has agreed to fund \$8.5 million of the project costs.

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Requested Action

Staff recommends adopting the enclosed resolution to endorse an application for \$8 million dollars for a Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant for the westbound on-ramp to I-494 at East Bush Lake Road (CSAH 28).

Attachments:

Location map

Resolution