RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05-58

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A USDOT BUILD GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TOWER TERRACE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Tower Terrace Road Corridor Improvements project (project) is a critical $90 million multi-jurisdictional transportation project representing a strong regional partnership between Linn County, the Cities of Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Marion, and Robins, the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG); and

WHEREAS, Linn County and partner cities are demonstrating support for this regional priority by leading development of various segments of the project and/or providing funding; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) is actively involved in the project and is constructing a new interchange between I-380 and Tower Terrace Road and committed match funding for the project through its 2020-2024 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the BUILD Grant application meets the objective of the BUILD program to construct and repair critical pieces of the freight and transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, the project will improve regional connectivity, economic competitiveness, and quality of life, will improve the freight and transportation network, and will:

- Provide a main east-west arterial between I-380 and Iowa Highway 13
- Ease safety concerns at the I-380/Boyson Road interchange
- Increase resiliency by developing regional transportation network alternatives
- Improve public safety response time through transportation network upgrades
- Mitigate traffic delays at existing at-grade railway crossings
- Enhance connectivity to neighborhoods, points-of-interest, and recreational amenities
- Reduce harmful emissions and vehicle idle time

WHEREAS, the grant application requests $25 million to help complete funding for the remaining $60 million of project improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors fully and enthusiastically supports the USDOT BUILD grant application and requests its approval to ensure completion of the critical Tower Terrace Road Corridor Improvements project.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of May 2020.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ben Rogers, Chair

Stacey Walker, Supervisor

Brent Oleen, Vice Chair

AYE: NAY: ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor