



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Approve the resolution supporting the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City has previously applied for grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program with the end goal of expanding Beck Road. The City, along with the neighboring communities of the City of Wixom, the City of Northville, and the Charter Township of Northville, wish to make another application for the 2021 grant program. The project includes widening of 8.1 miles of Beck Road from its existing two (2) and three (3)-lane configurations to either five (5) lanes or four (4) lanes with a boulevard-style, landscaped center median, implementation of smart transportation infrastructure and enhancements to non-motorized pathways along the Corridor.

The enclosed resolution supports the collaborative grant application from the four (4) communities for the amount of \$ 25,000,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the resolution supporting the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**CITY OF NOVI
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION
BY THE CITY OF NOVI TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BETTER
UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION DISCRETIONARY
GRANT PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING OF THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
BECK ROAD BUSINESS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

- WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) administers the Better Utilizing Investment Leveraging Development Transportation Discretionary Grant Program (BUILD) to invest strategically in infrastructure projects across the nation that have significant local or regional impact and achieve national objectives including improving the quality of life for residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Beck Road Corridor is a major arterial connector road for Interstate 96 and Michigan Route M14 that supports densely populated residential communities, at least 7,000 jobs and a diverse mix of employers including manufacturing facilities, defense contractor Moeller Aerospace, Ascension Providence Hospital and the Suburban Collection Showplace exposition and conference center which alone draws over two (2) million visitors each year; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Novi, as an applicant and in direct partnership with the City of Wixom as well as the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, wishes to apply for BUILD funding for the Beck Road Business Corridor Improvement Project (PROJECT); and
- WHEREAS,** the Project scope includes widening of 8.1 miles of Beck Road from its existing two (2) and three (3)-lane configurations to either five (5) lanes or four (4) lanes with a boulevard-style, landscaped center median, implementation of smart transportation infrastructure and enhancements to non-motorized pathways along the Corridor; and
- WHEREAS,** the Project is multi-jurisdictional and reflects partnership and collaboration among four (4) communities (City of Wixom, City of Novi, City of Northville, Charter Township of Northville), two (2) counties (Oakland County and Wayne County) and two (2) road commissions (the Wayne County Road Commission and the Road Commission of Oakland County); and
- WHEREAS,** the Project has long been identified as critical to the ongoing success of the region with a formal Beck Road Widening Task Force having been established in 2017 which continues to meet regularly with growing membership as the scope of the underlying partnership and collaboration has grown; and

WHEREAS, the regional importance of the Project is further evidenced by its inclusion in both the Oakland County and Wayne County segments of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan as developed by Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, the metropolitan planning organization for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Project scope in the City of Wixom is located within a designated Opportunity Zone (Wixom OZ 26125133100); and

WHEREAS, the Project need is strongly supported by the high traffic volume experienced on the Corridor with an Average Daily Traffic volume in excess of 25,000 and by the associated safety issues evidenced by a crash frequency which is 10 times the regional average with the overwhelming majority of accidents involving rear-end collisions consistent with the significant traffic congestion on the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wixom and the City of Novi initiated a formal Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2020 with anticipated completion of the EA and the Finding of No Significant Impact anticipated in early 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wixom and the City of Novi conducted a benefit cost analysis which resulted in an exceptionally strong benefit cost ratio of 11.3%; and

WHEREAS, the long-term commitment to the Project is reflected in the advanced status of Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition with both the City of Wixom and the City of Novi already having over 70% of the needed ROW in their respective communities and with both communities aggressively pursuing additional ROW; and

WHEREAS, the Project reflects a substantial, formal commitment of local funding at over 50% of the anticipated project costs from the City of Wixom and the City of Novi, including plans for local bonding coordinated through the City of Novi; and

WHEREAS, the BUILD grant application submittal deadline is anticipated in June or July of 2021; and

WHEREAS, should funding become available construction is proposed to begin in spring of 2023 with completion occurring in summer of 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Novi City Council, in partnership with the City of Wixom, the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, does hereby support the \$25,000,000 grant application to the United States Department of Transportation, Better Utilizing Investment Leveraging Development Transportation Discretionary Grant Program, for partial funding of the Beck Road Business Corridor Improvement Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Novi City Council also supports the currently projected local match of \$29,447,000 to be reflected in the grant application, the allocation of the local match on the basis of multiple factors under this project, and the

resulting local match dollar amounts of \$12,228,666 for the City of Wixom and \$17,218,334 for the City of Novi.

Motion by: XX

Seconded by: XX

AYES: (X)

NAYS: (X)

ABSTAINING: (X)

ABSENT: (X)

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting of City Council duly called and held on the ___ day of March 2021.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk