



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 10-28-25

Title of Item: Sponsorship Resolution for City of Aitkin LRIP Project

☐ REGULAR AGENDA ☒ CONSENT AGENDA ☐ INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: ☐ Approve/Deny Motion ☒ Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i> ☐ Direction Requested ☐ Discussion Item ☐ Hold Public Hearing*	
Submitted by: John Welle		Department: Highway Department
Presenter (Name and Title): NA		Estimated Time Needed: NA
Summary of Issue: The 2025 Legislature appropriated \$47 million to the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) as part of the bonding bill. These funds are available to fund improvements on city, township, and county roads throughout Minnesota. Grant applications are currently being accepted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for eligible local projects through December 12, 2025. Applications from cities and townships are required to be sponsored by their county. Attached is a sponsorship resolution for a project on Bunker Hill Drive in the City of Aitkin.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Request approval of the attached resolution.		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED October 28, 2025

By Commissioner: xxx

20251028-xxx

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AND AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR THE CITY OF AITKIN'S PURSUIT OF 2025 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE BUNKER HILL DRIVE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Bunker Hill Drive is a 1.0-mile Aitkin city street from State Highway 47 (4th St SE) to Aitkin County State-Aid Highway 12 (400th Ave), and

WHEREAS, Bunker Hill Drive provides access to Riverwood Healthcare Center (Level III Trauma Center), Elemet Manufacturing, and is a critical route for emergency service vehicles, and

WHEREAS, construction of a 44-unit workforce housing complex located along Bunker Hill Drive began on August 25, 2025, and the developer has also announced plans for a second 51-unit senior housing complex on Bunker Hill Drive, which, upon completion, will further increase traffic volumes and community reliance on Bunker Hill Drive for safe and efficient access, and

WHEREAS, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation provides funding up to \$1,500,000 for regionally significant projects, and

WHEREAS, the LRIP requires a city that is not a state-aid city, to obtain County Board sponsorship of the project, and

WHEREAS, the proposed year for project construction is 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS; that

1. Aitkin County supports the City of Aitkin's pursuit of LRIP funds for the reconstruction of Bunker Hill Drive, and
2. Aitkin County agrees to sponsor the City of Aitkin's Local Road Improvement Program application to MnDOT and act as the city's fiscal agent for this project.

Commissioner xxx seconded the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

xxx MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting xxx

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, David J. Minke, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 28th day of October 2025, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of October 2025

David J. Minke
County Administrator