

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILD DISCRETIONARY GRANT FOR THE OSKALOOSA BYPASS PLANNING STUDY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 made available \$1 billion for National Infrastructure Investments, otherwise known as “RAISE Transportation Discretionary” grants, through September 30, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, for this round of RAISE Transportation grants, in addition to capital awards, United States Department of Transportation will award at least \$30 million for eligible planning and preconstruction activities that do not result in construction of a capital project and,

WHEREAS, the MODES PLANNING STUDY is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria identified in the grant, including: located in a rural area, safety benefits, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental protection, quality of life, innovation, partnership and demonstrated project readiness; and,

WHEREAS, this study is a continuation of the planning studies that have resulted in the construction of the existing SW US HWY 163 bypass and the currently under design NW US HWY 163 bypass; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oskaloosa Administrator and Public Works Department are in partnership with the Mahaska County and Mahaska Chamber & Development Group are preparing a grant application to continue the MODES Planning Study project; and,

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$950,126, with the RAISE grant application amount of \$850,126, and including \$100,000 budgeted local, state and private funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Mahaska County is prepared to contribute \$40,000 towards the \$100,000 amount of the budgeted local, state and private funds for the RAISE Transportation Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the balance of the \$100,000 amount of the budgeted local, state and private funds for the RAISE Transportation Grant shall be funded by the City of Oskaloosa and/or the Mahaska Chamber & Development Group; and,

WHEREAS, should the MODES Planning Study not be selected for a RAISE Transportation Grant under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the \$40,000 contribution commitment from the Board of Supervisors for Mahaska County shall be null and void; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends that the Board of Supervisors for Mahaska County authorize the MODES Planning Study project for the Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investments, also known as RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS for MAHASKA COUNTY, IOWA that the County Engineer hereby is authorized and directed to execute said grant application and required certifications for and on behalf of Mahaska County to the United States Department of Transportation.

Mark Swenson, Board Chair

ATTESTED

Judy Van Patten Deputy
Mahaska County Auditor