

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Local Road Improvement Program grant for Larson and Palace Streets reconstruction project.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, due to a change in funding sources, a revised State and Municipal Agreement will need to be signed and accepted by the City of La Crosse Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Palace and Larson Streets project would facilitate a more efficient freight connection between Wisconsin Highway 16 and Interstate 90 to the La Crosse Interstate Industrial Park and numerous businesses directly to the south of the Interstate Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, Palace and Larson Streets support more than 2,500 truck trips per day and serve more than 4,000 employees in the surrounding business park; and

WHEREAS, the Palace and Larson Streets project represents a crucial bicycle connection to Onalaska (population 18,711), and the La Crosse River Trail which connects to the Elroy Sparta Trail, the very first Rails to Trails conversion in the United States; and

WHEREAS, completion of this project would improve the multimodal connection between the City of Onalaska, City of La Crosse, the densely populated areas of La Crosse to the north and west of the Interstate Industrial Park; and

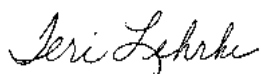
WHEREAS, transportation is an identified barrier to employment, with more than 30% of personal income spent on transportation, enhancing multimodal connections to the Interstate Industrial Park will present new opportunities to a sector of population unable to access work due to financial transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS, completion of the Palace and Larson Streets project would enhance freight to state highway and interstate access; employers to an expanded workforce, employees to their existing place of work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the City of La Crosse to accept a Wisconsin Department of Transportation Local Road Improvement Program grant to complete the Larson and Palace Streets projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director Engineering, Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on October 8, 2020.



*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*