

Resolution approving a “BUILD” grant application for multiple project components.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has acknowledged that there is insufficient funding to complete all identified County Roads capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation offers Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (“BUILD”) Transportation Grants Program to provide dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 Appropriations Act directs that funds provided for BUILD Transportation Grants be divided not more than 50 percent for rural areas and 50 percent for urbanized areas and requires measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of grant funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for BUILD Transportation Grants include surface transportation capital projects including highway, bridge or other road projects as well as public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, port infrastructure investments, and intermodal projects; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), the City of La Crosse (City) and the La Crosse County Harbor Commission (LCHC) are seeking funds to complete an overall freight improvement project from the Canadian Pacific rail line on the south, to the La Crosse Regional Airport on the north; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project will improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas; improve infrastructure condition; address public health and safety; promote regional connectivity; facilitate economic growth or competitiveness and address deteriorating conditions in rural transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County will be able to provide funding toward the local match and partner with the DOT and the LCHC to contribute to the overall local match and project funding as identified in the BUILD grant application, which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance; secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to apply for this grant and to sign all necessary contracts to implement this program; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse has already appropriated funds to be used as the match through the following:

Fiber Optic Connection, local match up to \$100,000: Item 414, approved in 2020-2024 CIP from Car Rental Facility Charges  
Airport Road Improvements, local match up to \$1,550,000: Item 51, approved in 2020-2024 CIP from New Borrowing

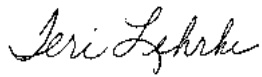
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution also approves \$800,000 as the local match for La Crosse Airport Cargo Improvements from Fund 600, Airport Operating Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves the application for the 2020 BUILD Grant for this partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents required for this application.

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*I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on April 9, 2020.*



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