Resolution appropriating Tax Incremental District (TID) 10 funds for the Wagon Wheel Trail.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wagon Wheel Trail will serve as a link between La Crosse, WI and La Crescent, MN along US Highway 14 west of the Cass St/Cameron Ave Bridges to the West Channel Boat Landing via a shared use trail and separate bridge adjacent to the West Channel Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the trail has been identified as a high priority in La Crosse's Comprehensive Plan, La Crescent Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and the 2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Wagon Wheel Connector Trail project is currently listed in the Adopted 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Budget as request #688; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department, on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, applied for, and received, a Transportation Alternative Program grant to assist with funding of the project; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-11-010 (Legistar #21-1468) supports funding the project should the City be awarded the grant; and

WHEREAS, the TID 10 Project Plan includes a pedestrian trail/sidewalk from the District to Pettibone Park; and

WHEREAS, additional environmental and endangered species studies were identified by State and Federal agencies to be completed, and construction costs have significantly increased; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project which includes design, environmental studies, and construction has increased to approximately \$7.6 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the sum of \$500,000 be allocated from TID 10 funds to the Wagon Wheel Trail Project to be spent prior to the TID dissolution date in 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Directors of Finance and Planning and Development Departments are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on April 10, 2025.

Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk

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