



RESOLUTION # 61-3/20

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 3-5

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 23
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 6
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 8
Abs/Excd: 0

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: APPROVAL OF A 'BUILD' GRANT APPLICATION FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS INCLUDING, RECONSTRUCTION OF BAINBRIDGE ST. AND FANTA REED ROAD

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation offers the 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, applications for the FY 2020 BUILD Transportation Grants Program are currently being solicited; 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 is considered a "rural area" per BUILD grant requirements and the maximum award for this round of BUILD Transportation Grants is \$25 million; 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 Municipal 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 addresses deteriorating conditions on rural transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, although there is a local match component to the BUILD project, the improvements to Fanta Reed Rd and Bainbridge St (CTH B) are projects that have already been approved in the Highway 2020 road plan as part of the 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County will be able to provide funding towards the local match and partner with the DOT, City, 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.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the application for the 2020 BUILD Grant for this partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents required for this application, after approval by Corporation Counsel.

FISCAL NOTE: The County's portion of the Local Match is estimated at \$4,240,000 and the grant application amount to La Crosse County is estimated at \$6,360,000. The overall grant applied for, including all partners, is \$23,850,000 at roughly a 34% local match amount.

Date: March 9, 2020

Patrick J. Barlow

**PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Alice K. Sorenson

RECORDING CLERK

Date: March 11, 2020

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>JK</u>	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>SD</u>	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>J</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>J</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Charlie Handy
Date Requested: February 21, 2020
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of March, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of March 2020.

Ginny Dankmeyer
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk