

Resolution authorizing short-term cash advances from the City's General Fund Cash to the State Highway Land Acquisition Fund for large dollar right-of-way purchases for the South Avenue Project.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse established a Revolving State Highway Land Acquisition Fund (Fund 484) via Resolution #2012-09-034 to pay land acquisition costs that are reimbursable from the State; and

WHEREAS, the Available Cash on Hand in Fund 484 is approximately \$740,000; and

WHEREAS, during the land acquisition process for the South Avenue Project, Real Estate costs will exceed the State Highway Land Acquisition Available Cash on Hand as certain Right-of-Way purchases may be between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the land acquisition costs, demolition of structures and related costs for the South Avenue Project will be between \$5,000,000 and \$5,500,000 in total; and

WHEREAS, the demolition of structures and related costs are 100% reimbursable from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and land acquisition costs are generally 100% reimbursable with the exception of any remnants outside of the Right-of-Way and which are generally minimal in nature; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, upon receipt of a reimbursement application, will reimburse the City for Right-of-Way purchases and demolition of structures within approximately thirty (30) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse authorizes short-term (30-45 days) cash advances from the City's General Fund to the City's State Highway Land Acquisition Fund to fund large Right-of-Way purchases for the South Avenue Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this account shall also pay all reimbursable expenses related to the demolition of structures purchased for highway purposes including, asbestos report and abatement, other environmental problems, disconnection of services and demolition of structures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the reimbursable expenses reach or exceed \$500,000 in part or in total a State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation reimbursement application shall be immediately filed to request reimbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all funds advanced from the City's General Fund cash balances shall be immediately paid back upon receipt of a State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation reimbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the Board of Public Works, Director of Engineering & Public Works and Finance & Human Resources Director are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

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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 March 12, 2020.*



Teri Lehrke, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin