

Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$1,000,000 Wisconsin Department of Transportation Multimodal Local Supplement grant for Larson and Palace Streets reconstruction project.

RESOLUTION

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 serves more than 4,000 employees in the surrounding business park.

WHEREAS, The Palace and Larson streets project represent a crucial bicycle connection. To the north, is the community of 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.

WHEREAS, Employers and workers in the Interstate Industrial Park area would benefit from an enhanced multimodal connection to not only La Crosse but nearby Onalaska.

WHEREAS, transportation is an identified barrier to employment, more than 30% of personal income is spent on transportation, and the median per capita income in La Crosse is \$23,897. Enhancing multimodal connections to the Interstate Industrial Park will present new opportunities to a sector of population the unable to access work due to financial transportation challenges.


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

WHEREAS, the Larson and Palace Street project would connect the City of La Crosse to the City of Onalaska with a safe multimodal corridor; and

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 \$1,000,000 Wisconsin Department of Transportation Multimodal Supplement grant to complete the Larson and Palace street projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer, Director of Public Works, 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 June 11, 2020.


Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin