



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Council Session

Item I-2

**#2020-109 - Consideration of Approving the City Applying for
2020 Build Grant in Partnership with the State of Nebraska
Department of Transportation and Central Nebraska Transload**

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity

Council Agenda Memo

From: Planning/Community Development/GIAMPO
Meeting: April 28, 2020
Subject: 2020 Build Grant Application
Presenter(s): Chad Nabity, AICP

Background

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-94, December 20, 2019) (“FY 2020 Appropriations Act”) appropriated \$1 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) for National Infrastructure Investments. This appropriation stems from the program funded and implemented pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the “Recovery Act”) and is known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or “BUILD Transportation Grants,” program. Funds for the FY 2020 BUILD Transportation grants program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact.

Discussion

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) in collaboration with Quetica, is in the final stages of completing a Freight Plan for the State of Nebraska. As part of that planning process they have identified an opportunity to expand multi-modal freight opportunities in Grand Island and the surrounding region with the expansion of Central Nebraska Transload (CNT) located at 1213 and 1215 E. U.S. Highway 30. The State, NDOT, has requested that the City consider submitting an application for a 2020 Build Transportation Grant. Quetica and NDOT will write the grant application but have requested that the City submit the application. The application as proposed will not require any matching funds and applicants may apply for up to \$25,000,000. Based on the current estimate the improvements to CNT would cost approximately \$15,000,000. Administrative costs for the grant are reimbursable through the grant.

Quetica and NDOT have determined that with this investment in CNT is likely that businesses within 200 miles of Grand Island could conservatively save up to \$41.3 million per year in transportation costs by utilizing a combination of cargo consolidation and transload from rail to trucks. This could also reduce the number of long haul trucks within that same 100 mile radius. It would, however, likely increase the number of short

haul trucks to and from the CNT site. This would also create additional short haul trucking jobs most likely based in Grand Island or nearby.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Accept the Intent to apply for Grant funds from the United States Department of Transportation “BUILD” Grant
2. Do not accept the Intent to apply for Grant funds from the United States Department of Transportation “BUILD” Grant

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the Intent to apply for Grant funds from the United States Department of Transportation “BUILD” Grant

Sample Motion

Move to accept Intent to apply for Grant funds from the United States Department of Transportation “BUILD” Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documentation to support the application.

RESOLUTION 2020-109

WHEREAS, The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-94, December 20, 2019) (“FY 2020 Appropriations Act”) appropriated \$1 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) for National Infrastructure Investments.; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation stems from the program funded and implemented pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the “Recovery Act”) and is known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or “BUILD Transportation Grants,” program.; and

WHEREAS, on March 03, 2020 a Notice of funding Opportunity was posted by the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) for infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Transportation has identified a Grant opportunity in Grand Island through their State Freight Plan and requested that the City participate in the application process; and

WHEREAS, there is no anticipated cost to the City of making the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Transportation and their consultant Quetica will complete the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation requires approval of City Council before submission of the final version of Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska is hereby approves the intent to submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign such certifications on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 28, 2020.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
April 24, 2020	☒ City Attorney