



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Council Session

Item G14

#2002-280 - Approving Authorization of Grant Application from the Transportation Enhancement Program for Historic Lighting in Downtown

The City of Grand Island proposes to apply for assistance from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Program (TEA) for the purpose of installing historic lighting in the downtown. The TEA21 funds are directed by the Nebraska Department of Roads. Successful applications must address one of the program categories; the City is applying under the scenic or historic byways category given the proximity to the Lincoln Highway. The Utilities Department, Public Works Department, Business Improvement District #2, and Community Redevelopment Authority have developed a plan for the installation of historic lighting in conjunction with planned street improvements (bumpout project) on Third Street and Wheeler Street, and with replacement of deteriorating brick sidewalks. The lighting project is part of a much larger improvement project and was included in the Downtown Identity and Design Strategy adopted by the Business Improvement District #2 Board as the guideline for development in the downtown area. The rehabilitation efforts already underway in the downtown, including the downtown alleyway project, brick pavers, and facade development, will be significantly enhanced by the historic lighting. Funding is included in the CRA budget (\$76,4400) for the required community match of 20%. The Public Works Budget includes \$150,000 for the infrastructure improvements and preliminary engineering (street bump outs, sidewalk and curb replacement). This is the first phase of a five-phase project. The TEA21 grant application addresses the historic lighting component only and is in the amount of \$305,762. Approval is recommended.

Staff Contact: Cindy Johnson

RESOLUTION 2002-280

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2000, the Business Improvement District No. 2 in the City of Grand Island approved and adopted the Downtown Identity and Design Strategy; and

WHEREAS, such plan is to serve as the guiding document for development and growth in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Identity and Design Plan identified historical lighting as one of the most important projects/actions for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is interested in applying for financial assistance from the Transportation Enhancement Program for the purpose of installing historic lighting in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, if granted, assistance would be provided for 80% of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has available a minimum of 20% of the project cost and has the financial ability to operate and maintain the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island supports the installation of historic lighting in the downtown area, and further approves and authorizes an application for assistance from the Transportation Enhancement Program for the purpose of the purchase and installation of such historic lighting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such application and other documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant process.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on September 10, 2002.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ September 6, 2002 ? City Attorney
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