



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Council Session

Item G-9

**#2015-22 - Approving Amendment to Resolution No. 2013-125;
Resolution Authorization Filing Applications with the Federal
Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: John Adams, MPO Manager

Meeting: January 27, 2015

Subject: Approving Amendment to Resolution No. 2013-125; Resolution Authorization Filing Applications with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance

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Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

In October 2012, the City of Grand Island was designated by the State of Nebraska as a Direct Recipient of Section 5307 Urban Transit Funds available through the State of Nebraska from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In March 2013 the FTA requested the City provide three documents prior to April 30, 2013. These documents consisted of the authorizing resolution, a legal opinion from the City Attorney that the City is legally able to receive these funds and authorized to provide the necessary matching funds for the grant, and a Letter of Incumbency from the City stating the names of the persons that are currently in the positions identified in the Authorizing Resolution (Mayor, City Administrator and/or Designee, City Treasurer, etc.). The City will issue a new Letter of Incumbency any time a person named in the previous letter leaves the City and is replaced.

The authorizing resolution does not commit the City to provide transit nor does it commit the City to spend any money. It does however preserve the ability of the City to access 5307 urban transit dollars in the future. The City was named a direct recipient of 5307 funds for the 2013 fiscal year and can access those funds anytime within six (6) years.

On April 23, 2013 the City Council passed Resolution 2013-125, which approved authorization of filing applications with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance.

Discussion

Resolution 2013-125 authorized the Mayor to:

- Execute and file applications for Federal assistance on behalf of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska;
- Execute and file with applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transit Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement; and
- Execute the grant and cooperative agreement with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska.

At this time it is requested such resolution be amended to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute and file applications for Federal assistance with the Federal Transit Administration.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the amendment to Resolution No. 2013-125 to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute and file applications for Federal assistance with the Federal Transit Administration.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013-125

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 53; AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

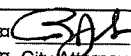
WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administrator has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for a transportation project;

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for Federal financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, and may require the Applicant to provide the local share of the project cost;

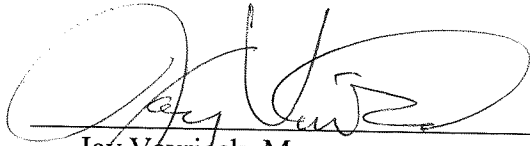
WHEREAS, the Applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND NEBRASKA:

1. That Mayor is authorized to execute and file an application for Federal assistance on behalf of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration. The State of Nebraska acting through its Department of Roads ("NDOR"), is the Designated Recipient for small urbanized areas as defined by 49 U.S.C. 5302(4). The City of Grand Island, Nebraska has received authority from the Designated Recipient to apply for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance as a Direct Recipient. NDOR and the City of Grant Island will enter into a supplemental agreement with FTA each time the City of Grand Island applies for funds.
2. That Mayor is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transit Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.
3. That Mayor is authorized to execute the grant and cooperative agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of The City of Grand Island, Nebraska.
4. That Finance Director/City Treasurer is authorized to draw against available grant funding using the ECHO web system.
5. That the City of Grand Island intends to insure that the matching funds necessary for providing transit services are included and that spending authority is authorized as needed within the approved annual budget of the City of Grand Island.

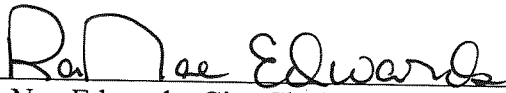
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April 22, 2013	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 23, 2013.



Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:



RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2015-22

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2013, by Resolution 2013-125, the City of Grand Island approved the authorization of the Mayor filing applications with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance; and

WHEREAS, at this time it is requested such resolution be amended to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute and file applications for Federal assistance with the Federal Transit Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 27, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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January 23, 2015	☐ City Attorney