

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION No. 72-19

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDS FOR THE
RIVERFRONT AT DOS RIOS TO DOWNTOWN BIKE-PED BRIDGE PROJECT**

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado that:

The City of Grand Junction by, with and through this Resolution of the City Council supports the Riverfront at Dos Rios to Downtown Bike-Ped Bridge application that the City of Grand Junction has made to the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Fund. With the development of Dos Rios and the redevelopment of the 2nd Street and the historic depot area, this signature bridge will provide a safe pathway for bikes and pedestrians between Downtown and the new Riverfront at Dos Rios development.

TAP was authorized under the federal bill Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and was redefined under the Fixing America's Surface transportation (FAST) Act in 2015. TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

CDOT's Region 3 has been allocated \$3.9 million for the calendar years 2021-2023. The maximum award per project is \$1.2 million. A call for projects has been issued.

In accordance with the grant purposes, the City Public Works Department proposes to construct a 900-foot pedestrian bridge across the Union Pacific Railroad's West Yard connecting South Avenue to the Riverside Parkway near the Riverfront at Dos Rios Development. An accessible ramp is proposed on the west side while elevator and stairs will be provided on the east end near the historic depot.

Completion of the Project is scheduled for 2021.

City staff is seeking TAP funding in the amount of \$1.2 million. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations, including established deadlines, of any Grant awarded.

If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with the Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office for the project.

The City staff has recommended that the City Council support the grant application and if awarded that the grant be utilized.

