RESOLUTION NO. 29-22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S APPLICATION FOR A REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MULTIMODAL OPTIONS FOR A VIBRANT, EQUITABLE (MOVE) WESTERN SLOPE PROPOSAL FOR US DOT RAISE GRANT FUNDING

Recitals:

Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) *Multimodal Options for a Vibrant, Equitable* (MOVE) *Western Slope* project (Project) will advance a regional approach to improving multimodal network connectivity in rural communities along the I-70 corridor in Western Colorado. The Grand Junction Mobility Corridor project, along with the other projects included in the *MOVE Western Slope* initiative, will make travel safer, more accessible, and more active in the City of Grand Junction and across the Western Slope.

The Project focuses on the creation of a mobility hub that will provide a centralized hub to facilitate between travel modes, improve local and regional connectivity, provide greater access, improve safety for all travel modes, improve connectivity between residential areas and employment, extend the transit and multi-modal network, support the stability of local neighborhoods and businesses, and facilitate a visitor experience that does not require a vehicle. The Project also includes CDOT's I-70B Phase 6 and the 2nd Street Promenade helping to economically revitalize an underutilized area of Downtown.

After due consideration, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction supports the Project and desires CDOT to submit a *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity* (RAISE) grant application to obtain the necessary funding for the Project, and if the grant is awarded, to enter into such further agreements as are necessary and proper to complete the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

- 1. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado supports CDOT's application to U.S. Department of Transportation to obtain funds needed to complete the Project. Accordingly, the City Manager is authorized and directed to work to finalize the City's portion of the application.
- 2. If the grant is awarded, the City Council supports the completion of the Project and authorizes the City Manager to sign appropriate grant agreements on behalf of the City as a sub-grantee of the *RAISE* grant, as well as budget necessary funds for the City's portion of the Project match.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted this 6th day of April 2022.

C.B. McDaniel

City Council President

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ATTEST:

Layra Bauer

Interim City Clerk