## CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-23**

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FOR NORTH AVENUE ENHANCED TRANSIT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

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 supports the North Avenue Enhanced Transit Corridor Improvements project application that the City has made to the Colorado Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program. Many segments of North Avenue have yet to have sidewalks after the original construction of North Avenue in the 1950's.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, is a United States federal statute signed into law on November 15, 2021. As part of this legislation, the Transportation Alternative Program is a set aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program distributed to the states. Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 3 has been allocated \$7.7 million for fiscal years 2024-2026. A call for projects has been issued.

The Transportation Alternatives Program provides funding for projects such as on- and offroad pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

In accordance with the grant purposes, the City Public Works Department proposes the funds be added to an existing project that all together will construct 8-foot-wide detached multi-modal paths on the north side of North Avenue between 28 ½ Road and I-70B and the south side between 29 Road and I-70B (the Project).

City staff is seeking CDOT's Transportation Alternative Program funding for the Project in the amount of \$2.3 million. Completion of the Project is planned for 2025.

The City Council authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations, including established deadlines, of any grant award. If a grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement for the Project.

The City staff has recommended that the City Council support the grant application and if awarded that the grant be utilized for the North Avenue Enhance Transit Corridor Improvements Project.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 15th day of March 2023

ATTEST:

Amy Phillips City Clerk

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President of the City Council

