## **RESOLUTION NO. 68-23**

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT FOR 26 ½ ROAD MULTIMODAL BRIDGE OVER I-70 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 supports the 26 ½ Road Multi-modal Bridge over I-70 project.

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, DOT was provided funds across the three programs above to invest in projects of national or regional significance. Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) applicants will be considered across all three programs unless they opt out of a specific program. The FY 2023 and 2024 round will focus on supporting projects that improve safety, economic strength, equity, and climate and sustainability consistent with the Department's strategic goals.

The MPDG provides funding for projects such as on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

In accordance with the grant purposes, the City Public Works Department proposes the funds be invested on a new multimodal bridge to be constructed just east of the existing 26 1/2 Road bridge.

City staff is seeking \$2.0 million from the US DOT's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant fund for the \$4.0 million project representing a 50% match. Completion of the Project is planned for 2026.

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 26 ½ Road at I-70 Multi-modal bridge project.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 16th day of August 2023

ATTEST:

Amy Phillips City Clerk Anna M. Stout

President of the City Council