

Resolution No. 5-0224

**AUTHORIZATION AND SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR
the FEDERAL RAISE GRANT PROGRAM FOR CTH C – STH 23 TO STH 14**

Relating to the County of Iowa's participation in the United States Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2024.

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the RAISE 2024 Discretionary Grant Program to be used for the construction, planning, and design of improvement program projects with local and regional impacts; And,

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Iowa County Board has recommended that an application be submitted to the Federal Government for the following project:

CTH C – STH 23 to STH 14 Reconstruction and Sustainability; Wyoming Township, WI; And,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Iowa County Highway Department to prepare the application to provide federal funding for the cost of construction improvements to CTH C along the Wisconsin River in the Town of Wyoming; Iowa County, Wisconsin for providing cycling facilities and access between Tower Hill State Park and the House on the Rock Resort to the Village of Spring Green. The project will enhance sustainability by eliminating existing land slides into the Wisconsin River, and provide safer travelling facilities for motorists using the route; including oversize / overweight shipments between STH 14 and STH 23; And,

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Highway Department and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have a current State Municipal Agreement for the design and construction for the corridor; And

WHEREAS, the proposed project costs have escalated due to the complexity of the various stakeholders along the project including a narrow corridor bounded by steep terrain and the river on either side, section 4f and 6f recreational properties being Tower Hill State Park, Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin Architectural Campus, and Visitor's Center, the Spring Green Inn, and the House on the Rock Resort; And,

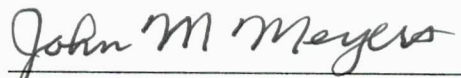
WHEREAS, the project will require land acquisitions for highway easement the costs for said acquisitions will be 100% funded by the Iowa County Highway Department. The acquisition process will follow all federal requirements; And ,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that design will take place in the years of 2023 thru 2026 and construction will commence between the years 2026-2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Iowa does APPROVE and SUPPORT the project and AUTHORIZE the Highway Commissioner to prepare and file an application for participation in the 2024 RAISE Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); And ,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Highway Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the County; and shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for consideration and the Federal Government with the RAISE grant application.

Adopted this 20th day of February 20, 2024.



John M. Meyers
Iowa County Chairman

ATTEST:



Kristy K. Spurley
Iowa County Clerk