

RESOLUTION 19- 10798

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BILLINGS TO APPLY FOR A 2019 FEDERAL BUILD GRANT TO CONSTRUCT A PROGRAM OF PROJECTS TO INCLUDE: THE INNER BELT LOOP, SKY LINE TRAIL, STAGE COACH TRAIL, ZOO TO RIVERFRONT AND RIVERFRONT TO MYSTIC PARK TRAIL CORRIDORS

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation has formally announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity to apply for \$900 million in discretionary grant funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Year 2019 BUILD Transportation grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure in rural and urban areas and will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings has reviewed the qualifying and ranking criteria to apply for these grant funds and based on these criteria, determined the program of projects it proposes are eligible for the BUILD grant; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings City Council has adopted a Capital Improvement Plan for long-range infrastructure programming that includes construction of the Inner Belt Loop and Sky Line Trail, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Billings City Council has adopted the Rims to Valley Bike/Ped Feasibility Study for the Stage Coach Trail, and the Zoo Montana to Riverfront Park Trail Feasibility Study and the Yellowstone Riverfront Trail Feasibility Study for the trail segments completing the Marathon Loop in south and west Billings. The City also has adopted the 2017 Billings Area Bikeway and Trail Master Plan Update to improve mobility and recreation opportunities in the Billings community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings adopted the 2016 City of Billings Growth Policy that calls out the importance of developing a safe and accessible transportation system, planning and construction of safe and affordable interconnected sidewalks and trails, and states that connecting people to places with transportation choices is vital to the well-being of Billings' residents businesses and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Billings City Council approves this Resolution to submit for a 2019 BUILD grant for the City of Billings, Montana:

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Billings this 10th day of June, 2019.



CITY OF BILLINGS

By: William A. Cole
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Denise R. Bohlman
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk