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COUNCIL BILL 2018 - 093

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION

1 AUTHORIZING the City Manager to seek bids on the recommended rehabilitation,
2 including options for accessibility pursuant to the Americans with
3 Disabilities Act, of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, which is
4 generally located over the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway
5 from Chase Street to Commercial Street; and approving the proposed
6 funding approach.
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9 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge was built in 1902 and is listed on
10 the National Register of Historic Places; and
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12 WHEREAS, the bridge is currently closed due to safety concerns related to
13 deterioration and damage, which was discovered after a routine inspection; and
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15 WHEREAS, repairs are needed before the Footbridge can be safely reopened;
16 and
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18 WHEREAS, after multiple public meetings, and the solicitation of public input, a
19 design has been proposed which includes the rehabilitation of the bridge truss, and the
20 addition of an elevator (or lift) and stairs on both the north and south ends of the bridge,
21 repainting the entire bridge, and adding new lighting elements; and
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23 WHEREAS, the proposed funding for approach for this project is to utilize federal
24 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, to cover 80% of the estimated
25 \$2,500,000.00 construction budget.
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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
28 SPRINGFIELD as follows, that:
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30 Section 1 – City Council hereby directs the City Manager to seek bids on City
31 staff’s recommended rehabilitation of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, which was
32 presented to Council at the City Council Workshop of April 17, 2018, and includes
33 rehabilitation of the bridge truss, the addition of an elevator (or lift) and stairs on both
34 the north and south ends of the bridge, in order to comply with the Americans with
35 Disabilities Act, and the repainting of and lighting of the Footbridge; and Council

36 generally approves of the proposed funding plan identified in the Explanation Sheet,
37 attached hereto.

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39 Section 2 – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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41 Passed at meeting: _____

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44 Mayor

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46 Attest: _____, City Clerk

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49 Filed as Resolution _____

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52 Approved as to form: A. Charles T. Wieden, Assistant City Attorney

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55 Approved for Council action: Greg Burt, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL NO: 2018- 093

FILED: 4/20/18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PURPOSE: Authorizing the Department of Public Works to seek bids on the recommended rehabilitation, including options for accessibility meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), on the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge over the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway from Chase Street to Commercial Street; and approving the funding approach proposed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Jefferson Avenue Footbridge was built in 1902 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge is currently closed due to safety concerns related to deterioration and damage discovered during a routine inspection. Repairs are needed before reopening. After holding multiple public meetings and gathering public input, a design is proposed that includes rehabilitation of the bridge truss, the addition of an elevator/lift and stairs on both the north and south ends of the bridge. In addition, the design includes repainting the entire bridge and adding new lighting elements.

The funding approach proposed utilizes federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for 80% (\$2,000,000) of the estimated \$2,500,000 construction budget. Local funds are proposed for the required 20% (\$500,000) match. This resolution approves the funding approach. If the resolution is approved by Council, a subsequent Council Bill will be submitted with the required budget adjustments for formal approval. The proposed funding plan is comprised of the following:

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| Federal STBG Program | \$2,000,000 |
| 1/4-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Cost Share Program | \$64,286 |
| 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Cost Share Program | \$64,286 |
| 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Bridge Program | \$64,286 |
| 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Alternative Transportation Program | \$64,286 |
| 1/4-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund Balance | \$64,285 |
| 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Fund Balance | \$64,285 |
| 1/4-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Minor Neighborhood Improvements (Zone 1 Pothole Funds) | \$64,286 |
| Contribution by Commercial Club | \$50,000 |

Federal STBG funds are distributed by the Ozarks Transportation Organization and project oversight is performed by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Generally, the City's STBG funds have been spent on cost-share projects with MoDOT, but these funds can be used on other projects. The STBG Program provides funding that may be used for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. Each project must also receive specific approvals from state and federal agencies. Because of these additional requirements, Public Works has historically used STBG funds for larger projects where the cost-benefit is not adversely affected by the added steps in the process. Examples of recent projects where the City contributed STBG funds are:

- Kansas Expressway and James River Freeway Interchange Improvements
- US 65 and Division Street Interchange Improvements
- South Glenstone Widening Project

Kearney Street and Packer Road Intersection Improvements
US 65 and Battlefield Road Interchange Improvements
Commercial Street Streetscape Phase 5
Chestnut Expressway Railroad Overpass
Campbell Avenue and Plainview Road Intersection Improvements
Eastgate Relocation at Chestnut Expressway

Public Works is currently working with MoDOT to utilize STBG funds on several other cost-share opportunities around the City including:

Campbell Avenue and Republic Road Intersection Improvements
Kearney Street and West Bypass Intersection Improvements
Kansas Expressway and Sunset Street Intersection Improvements
Kansas Expressway and Walnut Lawn Street Intersection Improvements

Supports the following Field Guide 2030 goal(s): Chapter 12 Transportation; Major Goal 2, Operations and Maintenance - The City of Springfield should continue to maintain streets, sidewalks, trails, and the airport, using the most effective strategies to maximize the efficient operation of the existing systems, keeping in mind safety, accessibility, sustainability, and collaboration; Objective 2a, Keep streets and sidewalks and trails in good condition with an emphasis on arterial streets; Objective 2f, Accessibility should be improved on existing systems in conjunction with maintenance projects; and Objective 2g, Opportunities should be sought to accommodate all users when planning maintenance projects.

REMARKS: Public Works recommends approval of this resolution.

Submitted by:



Kirk Juranas, Assistant Director of Public Works

Recommended by:



Dan Smith, Director of Public Works

Approved by:



Greg Burris, City Manager