

Dakota County

Legislation Text

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TITLE

Authorization To Submit Grant Applications To Federal Railroad Authority For Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant For Funding To Remove Or Improve Railroad Crossings

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient transportation system throughout Dakota County, the County pursues transportation funding through external sources to address priority transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Authority is requesting project submittals for the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant allocated by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that is funded with \$573,264,000 in federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the RCE grants provide funding for highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the RCE grant funds up to 80 percent of project construction costs; and

WHEREAS, application submittals are due on October 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, all projects proposed are consistent with the adopted Dakota County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, subject to federal funding award, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners would be asked to consider authorization to execute a grant agreement at a future meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following County led projects for submittal to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for federal funding:

- Mississippi River Greenway along Pine Bend Trail in Rosemount
- 2) Minnesota River Greenway in Fort Snelling State Park at the Union Pacific railroad crossing in Eagan