

RESOLUTION #1796

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS REQUESTING A US DOT 2019 BUILD GRANT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND CONSTRUCT NECESSARY NEW OR IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR VEHICLES, PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES TO CONNECT THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS the City of Columbia Falls depends upon a complete and sufficient street system to promote vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle mobility and safety; and

WHEREAS a complete and sufficient street system is necessary to preserve and promote the economy of Columbia Falls; and

WHEREAS Railroad Street, 4th Avenue West, 7th Street West, and 13th Street West are in a state of disrepair, lack sufficient widths/capacity and infrastructure for vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS the Columbia Falls Public Works Department has been working with an engineering consulting firm to develop conceptual plans to build repair, widening, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements envisioned for Railroad Street, 4th Avenue West, 7th Street West, and 13th Street West; and

WHEREAS because of the lack of state and local funding, the City of Columbia Falls is applying for a discretionary grant through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program; and

WHEREAS the grant will provide the much-needed funding for infrastructure improvements on Railroad Street, 4th Avenue West, 7th Street West, and 13th Street West, as to improve public safety, connect the business district, schools and parks, and provide safe pedestrian and bicycle-friendly access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: The City of Columbia Falls requests the grant funding as detailed in the City's grant application and agrees to work cooperatively with the Montana Department of Transportation and US Department of Transportation towards the successful completion of the project.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY 2019.

AYES: Robinson, Shepard, Fisher, Karper, Lovering and Barnhart

NOES: None

ABSENT: Piper

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA THIS 1st DAY OF JULY, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk