



TO: Mayor Tom Ross
Members of the City Council

FROM: Lance Meyer, P.E., City Engineer

DATE: February 20, 2024

SUBJECT: RAISE GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT (4657)

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend council approve the letter of support for the MAGIC RAISE Grant application;
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the letter

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Lance Meyer, City Engineer	701-857-4100
Stephen Joersz, Traffic Engineer	701-857-4100

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

Last meeting, council authorized funding and support for the City to partner with Ward County to submit a RAISE Grant application to seek federal funds to start preliminary engineering work on phase 1 and 2 of the southwest connector project.

B. Proposed Project

The County has contracted with Bolton & Menk to prepare the grant application. As part of the submittal, the application needs several letters of support that will help tell our story and bolster support. The letter of support will be signed by Mayor Ross and included in the application.

C. Consultant Selection

Bolton & Menk was selected by Ward County to perform the work on the study.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

The City and County have been looking for ways to provide another north/south arterial roadway connection in west Minot. A link would significantly relieve the 16th St and Broadway corridors from current and future traffic congestion.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

An improvement project to provide a southwest bypass and another north/south arterial roadway connection will have a significant reduction to travel delays and will solve critical crash locations along the US 2/52 bypass.

C. Fiscal Impact:

N/A

V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS

The following are the aspirations achieved with the grant request: dynamic and flourishing; safe and welcoming; excellent and connected.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

Alternate 1: Council could choose not to approve the letter of support.

Alternate 2: Council could modify the letter and have Mayor sign.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

With the deadline to submit February 28th, council must approve the letter at this meeting.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A. Letter of Support