CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 2022-23

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PURSUIT OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Active Transportation Infrastructure Program provides grant funding for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects that will improve transportation options and reduce vehicle miles traveled; and

WHEREAS, the program was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2018 and is defined in Minnesota Statute 174.38; and

WHEREAS, in this funding cycle the Minnesota Department of Transportation will award \$3.5 million in state funding to selected projects that will effectively address safety concerns, equity, and engage the community in project development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with both the City of Caledonia's sidewalk and trail program, updated in 2016, and the Caledonia Area Public Schools Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will enter construction during the 2024 calendar year and will have a useful life of over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, this project will install multiple Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at pedestrian crossing locations with high volumes of traffic and exposure within the City of Caledonia; and

WHEAREAS, the construction of this project will enhance the safety of the pedestrian crossings at intersections by increasing pedestrian visibility and increasing driver awareness of pedestrian crossing locations.

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Program requires a sponsor for non-state aid cities, and Houston County has provided a resolution agreeing to act as the sponsor by managing the grant agreement and payments on behalf of The City of Caledonia; and

WHEREAS, The City of Caledonia, is committed to provide remaining funding needs to ensure the proposed project meets all program milestones and deadlines; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1. The City Council hereby approves the City of Caledonia's pursuit of Active Transportation funds for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements.
- 2. The City Council is committed to the development and construction of the proposed project in a timeframe that supports grant agreement requirements.
- 3. The City is committed to providing long-term maintenance of the new infrastructure installed with the project.

ADOPTED by the Caledonia City Council this 28^{+} day of Move mbe, 2022.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Xake Dickson, Clerk/Administrator