

CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 2023-15

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF N. WARRIOR AVENUE,
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE 2023 LOCAL ROAD
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM HOUSTON
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the N. Warrior Avenue Extension Project (“Project”) would extend N. Warrior Avenue from the north entrance of the Caledonia Middle School/High School Complex to Trunk Highway 76 (“TH 76”); and

WHEREAS, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation makes available up to \$1,500,000 to apply towards projects on local roads that are regionally significant, result in safety improvements, address transportation deficiencies, and contribute to economic development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project would be regionally significant, result in safety improvements, address transportation deficiencies, and contribute to economic development for the following reasons:

- 1) By providing direct access to TH 76 for local and commercial traffic,
- 2) By reducing significant congestion at the intersection of Esch Drive and Trunk Highway 44 (“TH 44”), especially during peak school times,
- 3) By providing a paved surface with a 10-ton capacity,
- 4) By expanding pedestrian facilities,
- 5) By connecting with a planned Houston County bike trail to Beaver Creek Valley State Park, and
- 6) By expanding access to commercial and industrial properties; and

WHEREAS, the Project would not be financially feasible for the City without LRIP funding; and

WHEREAS, the LRIP requires a city, such as the City of Caledonia, that is not a state aid city, to have a county sponsor and the support of the county board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed year for project construction is 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Caledonia, Minnesota that:

1. The City Council hereby supports the extension of N. Warrior Avenue between TH 76 and the north entrance of the Caledonia Middle School/High School Complex; and

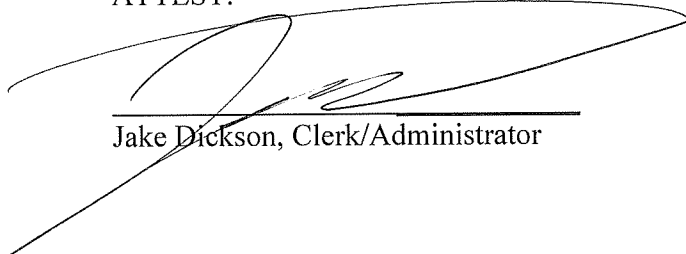
2. The City Council hereby supports the City's pursuit of LRIP funding and authorizes staff to prepare and submit such application; and
3. The City Council hereby seeks the support by resolution of Houston County to act as sponsor for the City of Caledonia's Local Road Improvement Program funding application and the associated Project for the extension of N. Warrior Avenue between TH 76 and the north entrance of the Caledonia Middle School / High School Complex; and
4. The City Council hereby commits to funding project elements not eligible for LRIP funding and ensuring the Project complies with LRIP funding requirement.

ADOPTED by the Caledonia City Council this 9th day of October, 2023.



DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jake Dickson, Clerk/Administrator