

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Agenda Item: Resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire Engineering Department to apply for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant monies for the purpose of replacing the Dewey Street Bridge.

SUMMARY / BACKGROUND

The City of Eau Claire has received 80% funding from WisDOT in recent years through the WisDOT Local Bridge Program to rehabilitate the Dewey Street Bridge. The scope of the project was to restore the existing bridge to like new condition while keeping the historic appearance of the bridge. The costs to rehabilitate the bridge were more than twice the estimate and the City Council at the time made the decision to not go forward with the project. It was understood by the City Council that a bridge replacement is necessary for the Dewey Street Bridge. The bridge plans at the time included an underpass under Dewey Street for the Old Abe State Trail.

The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is seeking applications for bridge projects and is providing 100% federal funding for the project.

Staff seeks permission to apply for 100% funding through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for replacement of the Dewey Street Bridge with the new bridge to include the Old Abe State Trail underpass and aesthetic improvements to the replacement bridge to mimic the existing historic look of the existing bridge. The City may be required to pay for the aesthetic improvements and underpass with City funds.

ACTION / ATTACHMENTS

Action: Resolution

Attachments: Resolution
Photos
Galloway Underpass Layout

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) GRANT MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE DEWEY STREET BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Eau Claire Engineering Department proposes to apply for grant funding from federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to be utilized for construction of a replacement structure for the existing Dewey Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) invites applications for monetary grants of up to 100% of the cost of a replacement bridge and engineering services; and


WHEREAS, the existing Dewey Street Bridge has a striking historic design and appearance; and

WHEREAS, past plans for the rehabilitation of the Dewey Street Bridge have also included underpass plans behind the west abutment of the existing bridge for a pedestrian crossing of the Old Abe State Trail; and


WHEREAS, modern structure design techniques can design a new replacement bridge to visually resemble the existing Dewey Street Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eau Claire that the City Manager and Engineering Director are authorized to apply for 100% project funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for the replacement of the Dewey Street Bridge to include aesthetics resembling the existing bridge and an underpass structure for the Old Abe State Trail.

Adopted,
February 28, 2023

(SEAL)  _____
President Terry L. Weld

(SEAL)  _____
City Manager Stephanie A. Hirsch

(ATTESTED)  _____
City Clerk Nicholas L. Koerner

Similar Bridge Example

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