

**OKEMOS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held virtually using the Zoom web conferencing application, in said Township on the 13th day of April 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Wisinski

ABSENT: Trustee Sundland

The following resolution was offered by Treasurer Deschaine and supported by Trustee Wisinski

WHEREAS, This year the Appropriations Committee of the US House of Representatives will implement a new Community Project Funding (CPF) initiative to allow Members of Congress to directly address the most significant needs of the communities they represent including state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; and

WHEREAS, Members of Congress will be allowed to submit up to 10 qualified, local projects to the Appropriations Committee for consideration for CPF federal funding; and

WHEREAS, only projects with evidence of strong support from the community will be considered, and evidence of community support and community need is required as part of the application; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township and the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) has a major county road improvement project described below recommended for submission for CPF funding consideration to US Representative Elissa Slotkin, US House District 8, including Ingham County, Member of the House Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has been working with a developer to redevelop and revitalize the downtown blocks of the Okemos area west of Okemos Road, north and south of Hamilton Road with several mixed use, multi-story tall buildings and associated parking, street level retail and dining, and residential units above. A traffic study was done for the proposed development which recommended adding a center left turn lane on Okemos Road throughout the downtown Okemos area-- south of Clinton Street through Hamilton Road to north of Methodist Street and allow currently prohibited left turns with signals at these intersections to accommodate the traffic expected to be generated by the development. Okemos Road carries approximately 20,000 vehicles per day north of Hamilton Road and 30,000 south of Hamilton Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the ICRD is working with the Ingham County Drain Office and MDOT to improve drainage and raise the elevation of the Okemos Road - Grand River Ave. (M-43) intersection to alleviate relatively frequent flooding at this location.

WHEREAS, the overall project would include reconstruction of Okemos Road from south of Hamilton Road to north of Grand River Ave. (M-43). The expected cost of the overall project is roughly \$6,975,000. The minimum 20% local match, \$1,395,000, would be split between ICRD and Meridian Township. The 80% federal CPF share would be \$5,580,000; and

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WHEREAS, there is strong community support and need for the Okemos Road reconstruction project both for traffic flow and safety, improve stormwater management and to support economic development and sustainability in the Township.

WHEREAS, the necessary match costs for the project described above has been identified and will be included in future Meridian Township and ICRD budgets as necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

Strongly supports application to the Appropriations Committee of the US House of Representatives for Community Project Funding in the amount of \$6,975,000 total project cost (\$5,580,000--80% federal CPF share) for reconstructing and improving Okemos Road from south of Hamilton Road to north of M-43, in Meridian Township as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian authorizes the Meridian Department of Public Works to apply for CPF funding for the reconstruction and improvement of Okemos Road in conjunction with the ICRD.

ADOPTED:

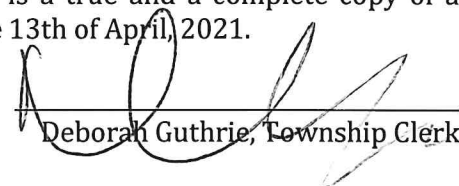
YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Wisinski

NAYS: None

Resolution declared adopted: 6-0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 13th of April, 2021.



Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk