

RESOLUTION NO. CC-2022-27

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP) GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PLANNING GRANT TO FUND THE STUDY OF A PROJECT TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY THROUGH ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF STILLWATER

WHEREAS, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program which includes approximately \$1 billion in funds over the next five years dedicated to reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the RCP program will be administered by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) through grants awarded on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater has identified a potential project to eliminate barriers to active transportation and explore opportunities to improve community connectivity through two main components: (1) Planning to develop active transportation crossings of Highway 51/6th Avenue; and (2) Planning to develop a community-wide active transportation map for connectivity to guide future growth in Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, a RCP program Planning Grant will provide needed funding support for the study of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing facility to restore community connectivity; to conduct public engagement; and other transportation planning activities related to the project; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost share under the RCP program Planning Grant is as follows: USDOT: \$200,000 and City of Stillwater (20% local match): \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, funding for the local match has been identified in the contingency fund; and

WHEREAS, this project will enhance the City of Stillwater by discovering the most ideal and safest crossings along a two mile section of Highway 51/6th Avenue for pedestrians and bicyclists while reconnecting the north and south sides of Stillwater and will enable our vibrant college town to develop a safe pedestrian future through a strategic plan for active transportation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Stillwater hereby authorizes submission of a RCP Planning Grant application for fiscal year 2023 and payment of matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or Vice-Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary grant applications and agreements or other related documents as may be required to secure funding for the project.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and signed this 3rd day of October, 2022.

CITY OF STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA
a Municipal Corporation

WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

TERESA KADAVY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

KIMBERLY CARNLEY, CITY ATTORNEY