

CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING A PORTION OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL (CIP #543)

The City of Concord resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a continuous 12.7-mile trail through the City known as the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (MRGT); and

WHEREAS, to date, approximately 3 miles of the MRGT in Concord have been constructed, or have been funded for future construction; and,

WHEREAS, upon completion, the MRGT will connect regional trails extending from Salem NH northerly to Lebanon NH, which are part of the Granite State Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is critical to facilitate completion of the MRGT through Concord; and,

WHEREAS, the City, with assistance from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, desires to apply for “Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity” (RAISE) grant to support the design and construction of segments of CIP #543 Merrimack River Greenway Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the focus of the RAISE program is to fund planning or construction of surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation; and,

WHEREAS, program funding is comprised of 100% federal funds with no local match required; and,

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

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for a RAISE Grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation for construction of portions of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, as well as to execute any and all documents associated therewith.
2. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.