

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-043

A RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DELAY BIDDING OF THE PROJECT TO RECONSTRUCT THE ANAMOSA STREET BRIDGE OVER I-190 IN RAPID CITY SO THE CITY CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE ADDING ELEMENTS TO BEAUTIFY THE PROJECT AND MAKE IT A GATEWAY FOR VISITORS ENTERING THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Dept. of Transportation (the “SDDOT”) is currently in the process of initiating a project in the City of Rapid City (the “City”) to reconstruct the bridge carrying Anamosa Street over I-190; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan adopted by the City identifies entrance corridors to the City and discusses the characteristics and design considerations the City should seek to incorporate into these corridors; and

WHEREAS, the City’s comprehensive plan calls for coordination among adjacent communities and the SDDOT to create welcoming, attractive entrance corridors that elevate the area’s appeal as a regional destination and enhance the positive impression of visitors to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City’s comprehensive plan generally identifies design principles for entrance corridors to achieve the goals identified in the plan; and

WHEREAS, many other communities have incorporated distinctive design elements and landscaping into overpasses located on entrance corridors into their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Anamosa Street bridge is located on I-190 which is one of the entrance corridors identified in the City’s comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the project to reconstruct the bridge as it is currently proposed does not incorporate any unique design elements, landscaping, or other features that will allow it to serve as an attractive and welcoming feature that elevates the appeal of the corridor nor will it enhance the impression of visitors entering the community; and

WHEREAS, the SDDOT has informed representatives of the City that it intends to bid the project to reconstruct the bridge this fall; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to have the opportunity to explore its ability to add design elements to the project that will enhance its visual appeal and allow it to serve as a fitting welcome to visitors of the City along this entrance corridor in a manner consistent with the City’s comprehensive plan, but will be severely limited in its ability to do so if the project is put out to bid this fall.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rapid City formally requests that the South Dakota Department of Transportation not bid the project this fall and that bidding

the project be delayed until the City has had the opportunity to explore its ability to incorporate unique design elements into project that will visually enhance this entrance corridor and serve as a fitting welcome feature for those visiting Rapid City.

Dated this ____ day of May, 2023.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Steve Allender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Ainslie, Finance Director