

DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2018

Supporting the City of Rochester, Minnesota in its Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for BUILD Transportation Grants

This Resolution was offered by James Bier, seconded by Paul Williams.

BACKGROUND RECITALS

A. The United States Department of Transportation (“U.S. DOT”) is inviting applications for discretionary grant funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (“BUILD”) Transportation Discretionary Grants program. BUILD funding may be used to support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation.

B. The program management team for the Destination Medical Center Transportation and Infrastructure Program has identified three candidate BUILD grant applications for the City of Rochester, Minnesota (the “City”) to submit as part of the 2018 U.S. BUILD Discretionary Grants program, in furtherance of the transportation and transit goals of the Destination Medical Center Development Plan, adopted by the Destination Medical Center Corporation (“DMCC”) on April 23, 2015, as amended. The projects are:

1. Trunk Highway 52/14 Interchange Improvements;
2. Rochester Public Transit Solar Powered Bus Fleet; and
3. Trunk Highway 52 Air Rights Development Feasibility Study and Concept Designs.

Each project, the timeline, and any matching grant requirements are more fully described in the attached Exhibit A.

C. Staff from the City and from the Destination Medical Center Economic Development Agency (“EDA”) request that the DMCC support the submittal of the BUILD grant applications for the projects identified above.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Destination Medical Center Corporation Board of Directors supports the submittal of grant applications by the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to the U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program for the following three projects:

1. Trunk Highway 52/14 Interchange Improvements;
2. Rochester Public Transit Solar Powered Bus Fleet; and

3. Trunk Highway 52 Air Rights Development Feasibility Study and Concept Designs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DMCC authorizes the Chair or Treasurer to take such actions as are necessary or convenient to assist the City in its submission process to U.S. DOT or to effectuate this Resolution.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 6 YEAS and 0 NAYS, as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Destination Medical Center Corporation

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Dana L. Bailey	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
James V. Bier	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Ardell F. Brede	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
James R. Campbell	_____	_____	_____
Michael E. Dougherty	_____	_____	_____
Mark Hickey	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R.T. Rybak	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Paul D. Williams	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

RESOLUTION ADOPTED on June 28, 2018.

ATTEST: _____



R.T. Rybak, Chair
Destination Medical Center Corporation

EXHIBIT A



Memorandum

To: DMCC Board of Directors

From: Richard Freese; P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer
City of Rochester, MN

Ken Holte, P.E.
Vice President, Civil Design at SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
Jo Ann Olsen
Associate, SRF Consulting Group Inc.

Date: June 14, 2018

Subject: 2018 U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grants Program/City of Rochester BUILD Grant Applications

Cc: Kathleen Lamb, McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chtd

Introduction

U.S. DOT published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on April 25th to apply for discretionary grant funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program. BUILD Transportation grants replace the pre-existing Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program and are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. BUILD funding can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation. <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

City of Rochester BUILD Discretionary Grant Applications

The Program Management Team for the DMC Transportation and Infrastructure Program have identified three candidate BUILD grant applications for the City of Rochester to submit as part of the 2018 U.S. BUILD Discretionary Grants Program. Each grant applications support a project that addresses needs identified in multiple studies, including the Rochester District Medical Center (DMC) Plan, Rochester Integrated Transit Studies 2018, Rochester Public Transit (RPT) Transit

Development Plan 2017, Rochester City Energy Action Plan 2016, and Planning 2 Succeed: Rochester's Comprehensive Plan 2040.

The BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant applications include two that are full grant applications (narrative and Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)) and one that is a planning grant application (narrative only). A description of the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant applications is provided below.

BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Capital Investment Grants (narrative and BCA)

1. TH 52/14 Interchange improvements

The TH 52/14 project would involve elimination of the current at-grade left turn crossings from Civic Center Drive/TH 14 onto northbound and southbound TH 52 through construction of flyover on-ramps. The on-ramp construction would facilitate future development of access to serve commuter parking facilities in Mobility Hub A as defined in the DMC ITS Study Report either west, east or south of the interchange location. The construction would also involve necessary adjustments to bridge structures to facilitate the ability to develop median running transit facilities on Civic Center Drive / TH 14 if needed to serve future commuter parking. Development of the final design is dependent in part on completion of future feasibility studies investigating the development of parking and associated development in the air rights over TH 52 south of the interchange.

2. Rochester Public Transit (RPT) Solar Powered Bus Fleet

The RPT Solar Powered Bus Fleet project involves the acquisition of up to four fully Electric Buses along with the installation of Charging Stations and an associated Solar Panel Array at the RPT Bus Garage to provide highly cost effective and environmentally sustainable express bus service to Rochester's growing inventory of Park and Ride lots serving the city's large downtown employment workforce of over 35,000 individuals. The vehicles would serve the park and ride network during AM and PM peak periods and would be deployed to fixed route transit service during off peak periods.

BUILD Transportation Planning Grant (narrative only):

1. TH 52 Air Rights Development Feasibility Study and Concept Designs

The proposed transportation planning grant will investigate the feasibility of mixed use development utilizing the air rights over TH 52 in Rochester between 2nd St SW and the TH 14 West / TH 52 interchange immediately west of downtown Rochester. As part of the ongoing Destination Medical Center economic development program, the study will seek to identify options for mixed use development that incorporates commuter parking serving the DMC District with opportunity for retail, office, residential or other private development in a manner that can be served with access from the TH 14/52 freeway system as well by a proposed downtown transit circulator being

planned for the DMC District. As part of this work it is a goal of the project sponsors to engage with the private development community to gauge interest and financial feasibility of the private development component of the project.

Rochester BUILD Grant Application Project Schedule

1.	Project Team Kickoff Meetings	Week of June 11
2.	Data Request to Client	Week of June 11
3.	Data Received by Client	Week of June 18
4.	Draft Application	Week of June 25
5.	Edits/Final Draft	Week of July 9/16
6.	Submit Application	July 19

General 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program Information

Deadlines

- Applications are due July 19, 2018 at 8pm EST
- Grant Decisions announced on December 18, 2018
- Obligation of funds must occur by September 30, 2020
 - To obligate funds, all pre-construction activities must be completed on or before September 30, 2020 (target and preferred date is June 30,2020)
 - Pre-construction includes planning, NEPA, final design and ROW acquisition
 - Obligation occurs when applicant and DOT enter into a written grant agreement
- Expenditure (liquidated or paid out to grantee) of funds must occur by September 30, 2025

General Funding Amount

BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Capital Investment Program

- Total funds available \$1.5 billion
- Maximum amount of funds awarded to a state: \$150 million
- Maximum amount that can be awarded to an individual project: \$25 million
- Projects require a minimum local match of at least 20%
- Projects in urban areas must meet minimum grant size of \$5 million
- Projects in rural areas must meet a minimum grant size of \$1 million
- Maximum number of applications per jurisdiction or agency = 3 applications

BUILD Transportation Planning Grant Program

- A small portion (\$15 million) of the program funding can be awarded for Planning Grants devoted to planning, preparation or design of future projects eligible for BUILD construction funding.
- No minimum cost size for planning grants
- No local match required
- BUILD Transportation Planning Grant applicants need to describe their capacity to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner

Request

The City of Rochester is requesting DMCC Board support for the submittal of these three BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant applications.