

DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022

Approving Route Adjustments, Enhancements to Bus Rapid Transit Application in Federal Transit Administration's Small Starts Program

The following Resolution was offered by Kim Norton, seconded by Douglas M. Baker, Jr.

BACKGROUND RECITALS

A. On October 18, 2019, the Destination Medical Center Corporation ("DMCC") considered the route alignment and mode for the bus rapid transit project (the "Project") and adopted a locally preferred alternative ("Locally Preferred Alternative") for route and alignment (2nd Street and Broadway) and mode (bus rapid transit, or "BRT"), subject to approval by the City of Rochester (the "City") (Resolution No. 87-2019). The City subsequently approved the Locally Preferred Alternative on October 21, 2019. The DMCC also adopted a joint staff recommendation from the City and the Destination Medical Center Economic Development Agency ("EDA") and approved \$3.872 million from the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan for the further design, engineering, environmental studies, additional analysis, and application to the Federal Transit Administration Small Starts Program (the "FTA Small Starts Program") for funding of the Project. On November 12, 2019, the DMCC approved including three Project features – 2nd Street Reconstruction and Streetscape; Saint Marys Transit Center and Subway Connection; and the East Parking Ramp – for application through the FTA Small Starts Program and increased the 2020-2021 budget to reflect an additional \$2.343 million, all subject to approval by the City Council (Resolution No. 89-2019).

B. On February 3, 2022, the DMCC directed staff (1) to evaluate route realignment, enhanced station design, and expanding the scope of improvements within the FTA Small Starts Program application, and (2) to seek further community input, for further consideration and recommendations for final approval by the City and the DMCC.

C. In the memorandum dated May 12, 2022, the City and EDA staff now recommend that the DMCC and the City approve three enhancements to the Project (collectively, the "Project Enhancements"), for submission to the FTA Small Starts Program, namely:

1. Route realignment with a new station on 6th Street SE, west of 3rd Ave., removing 4th Street/South Broadway Ave. from the route, and adding a westbound station at the downtown library;
2. Enhanced station design, including weather protection for 12 stations with quality materials for durability and sustainability and direct vertical access to pedestrian subways for 3 stations; and
3. Expanding the project definition in the application to the FTA Small Starts Program to include infrastructure improvements, including design and

construction of a public plaza area, a portion (1,400 feet) of the roadway, municipal utilities along this roadway, and public parking at the West Transit Village, extension of 6th Street SE, and bus maintenance improvements at the Public Works Transit Operations Center.

D. In terms of costs, staff notes that the total budget for 2022 for the Project is \$18,684,647, which includes \$2,040,277 in General State Infrastructure Aid (“GSIA”) funds. Staff contemplates that the Project Enhancements will not increase the GSIA and plans to seek additional federal funding if needed. Staff notes, however, that the total project costs are in the process of being revised, and that staff is awaiting final guidance from DEED regarding the transit aid reimbursement amounts, both of which may affect the amount of GSIA and other funding sources for the Project.

E. In terms of scheduling, staff has stated that the Project completion is expected to shift from spring 2025 to spring 2026.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Destination Medical Center Corporation Board of Directors that, subject to approval by the Rochester City Council, it approves the Project Enhancements (route realignment and extension at the East terminus, enhanced station design, and expanding the scope of improvements) for submission within the FTA Small Starts Program application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DMCC approves the Project Enhancements as a public infrastructure project within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes Section 469.40, subdivision 11, to the extent they are located within the Development District, and as consistent with the Development Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DMCC requests that the City and EDA staff provide regular updates with respect to this next phase of work of the Project, and particularly cost information as it becomes available.

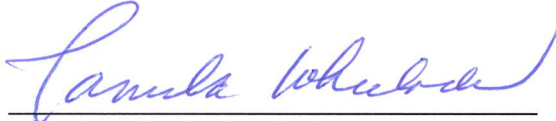
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair and Vice Chair are authorized to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution and the timely progression of the application and approval process.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 8 YEAS and 0 NAYS, as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Destination Medical Center Corporation

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Douglas M. Baker, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
James R. Campbell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Brooke Carlson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Kim Norton	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R.T. Rybak	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Mark Thein	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Pamela Wheelock	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Paul D. Williams	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

RESOLUTION ADOPTED on May 18, 2022.

ATTEST: 

Pamela Wheelock, Chair
Destination Medical Center Corporation