

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO APPROVING A COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) IN SUPPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA (INFRA) -GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATED PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AND UNDERTAKE SUCH TASKS AS NECESSARY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS REQUIRED FOR SAID APPLICATION; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER DETAILS RELATED THERETO.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-120**

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) has announced the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program which will allocate approximately \$1.56 billion in federal funding to transportation projects that will further national and regional economic vitality goals and leverage additional non-federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the INFRA program provides dedicated, discretionary funding for projects that address critical issues facing our nation's highways and bridges and will support the Presidential administration's commitment to fixing our nation's crumbling infrastructure by creating opportunities for all levels of government and the private sector to fund infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Weld County, Adams County, CDOT Region 1, CDOT Region 4, Commerce City, Thornton, and Union Pacific (the "Partners") have partnered to create a project of improvements identified in the US 85 Access Control Plan and US 85 Planning and Environmental Linkage Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project would have two primary elements: modifications to railroad crossing and US 85 highway access; and an interchange at 120th Avenue and US 85; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partners are currently working in cooperation on the planning, environmental analysis, and preliminary design of the Project elements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is soliciting funding commitments from local agency partners towards the INFRA grant application to be submitted by November 2, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Brighton has been asked to commit Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) in support of the INFRA grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, Brighton is a recipient of the Adams County Road and Bridge Sales Tax, a recurring funding source that has annually generated over \$1 million in revenue to Brighton over the last few years and is projected to grow 1% this year; and

**WHEREAS,** the Adams County Road and Bridge Sales Tax is a 0.5% tax collected within Adams County, the revenues from which are distributed proportionately to the cities that collect the sales tax and must be used for improvements to or the building of road and bridge projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council finds and determines that the proposed collaborative Project will create much needed improvements to one of Brighton's major transportation corridors and that Brighton's participation in the INFRA grant application in support of the Project is in the best interests of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council for the City of Brighton, as follows:

1. That the City's commitment in principle to provide Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) in support of the INFRA grant application for the Project, with the understanding that such funding shall only be triggered if and when the INFRA grant and the Project are approved, and that the same would be subject to annual appropriation as provided by law, is hereby approved.
2. That the City Manager, or his designee is hereby authorized to review and, if acceptable, approve the draft grant application prior to submittal to US DOT, and to undertake such tasks and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the INFRA grant process.
3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a letter consistent with this resolution for delivery to CDOT on or before October 20, 2017.

RESOLVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

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Richard N. McLean, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Margaret Brubaker, Esq, City Attorney