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September 25, 2024

The Honorable Detroit City Council
ATTN: City Clerk Office
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit MI 48226

RE: Authorization to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program

The Department of Public Works is hereby requesting authorization from Detroit City Council to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program. The amount being sought is \$5,200,000.00. The Federal share is \$5,200,000.00 of the requested amount and there is a required cash match of \$1,300,000.00. The total project cost is \$6,500,000.00.

The FY 2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program will enable the department to:

- To design and construct a new railroad overpass that would carry five active tracks over Lonyo Street and seven active tracks over Central Street, as well as allow the City to complete the environmental review and finalize the design.

If the application is approved, a local match in the amount of \$825,000.00, will be provided by the Michigan Infrastructure Office. In addition, a local match in the amount of \$475,000.00, will be provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

We respectfully request your approval to submit the grant application by adopting the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Terri Daniels
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Terri Daniels
Director of Grants, Office of Development and Grants

DocuSigned by:
Donald R. Johnson
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Office of Budget

CC:
Sajjiah Parker, Assistant Director, Grants



Office of Development and Grants

RESOLUTION

Council Member _____

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has requested authorization from City Council to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, for the FY 2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program, in the amount of \$5,200,000.00, to design and construct a new railroad overpass that would carry five active tracks over Lonyo Street and seven active tracks over Central Street, as well as allow the City to complete the environmental review and finalize the design; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Infrastructure Office will provide \$825,000.00 for the local match requirement for the FY 2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation will provide \$475,000.00 for the local match requirement for the FY 2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this request has been approved by the Office of Budget; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program.



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Grant Application Request Form (GARF)

In order to secure the Office of Development and Grants (ODG) approval required under Section 17-4-2 of the Detroit City Code, this form is to be filled out by City Departments as soon as possible upon learning of an opportunity that the Department would like to pursue. This form must be signed and submitted not later than 20 business days prior to the application deadline.

Please submit this form to the following ODG staff: Sajjiah Parker, Assistant Director, parkersa@detroitmi.gov and the Department/Project assigned Development Officer.

City Department	Department of Public Works
Date	6/19/24
Department Contact Name	Samuel Krassenstein (Mayor's Office)
Department Contact Phone	313-566-4752
Department Contact Email	krassensteins@detroitmi.gov
Grant Opportunity Title	FY2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program
Grant Opportunity Funding Agency	USDOT (Federal Railroad Administration)
Web Link to Opportunity Information	https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/railroad-crossing-elimination-grant-program
Award Amount (that Department will apply for)	\$5,200,000
Application Due Date	9/23/24
Anticipated Proposed Budget Amount	\$6,500,000
City Match Contribution Amount	N/A (State of MI to provide \$1.3M in match funding)
Source of City Match (include Appropriation Number, Cost Center, and Object Code)	N/A
List of programs/services/activities to be funded and the Budget for each <i>Sample:</i> - ABC Afterschool program: \$150,000 - XYZ Youth leadership program: \$100,000 - Salary/Benefits: \$95,000 - Supplies: \$5,000	Survey & Utility Location \$650,000 Geotechnical Investigation \$350,000 Design & Plan Preparation \$3,800,000 Public Engagement \$450,000 Stakeholder Coordination \$250,000 NEPA \$1,000,000
Brief Statement of Priorities/Purpose for the Application <i>Sample: To support expansion of promising youth development programs in MNO neighborhood.</i>	The City proposes to design and construct a new railroad overpass that would carry five active tracks (three of which currently cross at-grade) over Lonyo Street and seven active tracks (three of which cross at-grade) over Central Street. This grant would allow the City to complete environmental review and finalize design.
Key Performance Indicators to be Used to Measure the Programs/Services/Activities <i>Sample:</i> # of kids newly enrolled in ABC and XYZ % of kids from ABC who demonstrate improved educational performance	Completion of NEPA % Design Completion

Ron Brundidge

Director's Name (Please Print)

DocuSigned by:
Ron Brundidge
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 Director's Signature

9/19/24

Date



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LANSING

BRADLEY C. WIEFERICH, P.E.
DIRECTOR

September 20, 2024

Amit Bose, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

Please accept this letter of support from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the City of Detroit's Central-Lonyo Elimination and Rail Adjustment Project (CLEAR Detroit Project) grant application to the United States Department of Transportation's (U.S. DOT's) Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program. This funding is being requested to support the City of Detroit's ongoing project development efforts toward its valuable work with Conrail to progress the grade separation of four main line tracks from Lonyo and Central Street.

In addition to air quality and congestion mitigation benefits, this project will directly mitigate multiple crashes and fatalities that have occurred at railroad grade crossings on Central Street and three bicycle/pedestrian accidents on Lonyo Street since 2018. By constructing a grade separation at this location, this project will enable safer streets, safer railroad operations, and ultimately, a safe recreational trail for non-motorized users once the planned Joe Louis Greenway is constructed along Lonyo Street in this area. This project addresses multiple elements that are central to the core of the Rail Crossing Elimination Program: safety, climate change, social equity, and job quality.

MDOT is committed to providing \$475,000 in matching funds for the city's application. MDOT would be proud to partner with U.S. DOT to assist the City of Detroit in this effort to address community mobility, equity, and safety enhancements as outlined in the subject application. The project is included in our State Rail Plan.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact either me or Peter Anastor, Director, Office of Rail, at 517-243-2710 or anastorp@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,
E-SIGNED by Bradley C. Wieferich, P.E.
on 2024-09-20 08:10:53 EDT
Bradley C. Wieferich, P.E.
Director

cc: Peter Anastor



**MICHIGAN
INFRASTRUCTURE
OFFICE**

September 20, 2024

The Honorable Amit Bose, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room W36-412
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Railroad Crossing Elimination funding opportunity

Dear Amit Bose:

The Michigan Infrastructure Office (MIO) is responsible for organizing and executing Governor Whitmer's vision for infrastructure, coordinating across state government, marshaling resources, and partnering with local officials, federal partners, and outside stakeholders to ensure resources sent to Michigan through BIL, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), are used efficiently and effectively.

I write in support of the City of Detroit's 2024 FRA Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) program application for the Detroit RR Crossing Elimination (Central/Lonyo) project. The Central/Lonyo railroad crossing elimination project is a comprehensive infrastructure project related to the Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal concept at the Livernois Junction Intermodal yard operated by Norfolk Southern, CSX, and Conrail. The project will eliminate two multi-track at-grade crossings on Lonyo and Central and consolidate multiple aging and crumbling structures into a single grade separated track structure at Lonyo and Central. Removal of the at-grade crossings will also allow for higher speed freight and passenger rail movements and creation of additional storage capacity for railcars leading into the yard. The RCE grant request for this project is \$5,300,000.00. The Michigan Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Center (MIO TAC) is committed to providing a match reservation of \$825,000.00 to support this project application.

One hundred percent of the neighborhoods that have been separated by this rail infrastructure are disadvantaged census tracts. These communities have been divided for decades resulting in delayed public safety response, and blockages at grade crossings. The proposed Conrail grade separations impact the thriving southwest Detroit community, with the Central Street grade crossing identified in the 2010 Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal (DIFT) Record of Decision as part of the Approved Selected Alternative.

The City's conceptual design builds on the DIFT's purpose and needs to modernize the intermodal terminal by creating stronger community connections through the terminal as well. The Conrail grade separation at Lonyo Street serves as a critical connector for the City's Joe Louis Greenway, connecting Southwest Detroit with Claytown and Dearborn. The project will provide 10-foot-wide bidirectional bike

lanes separated from vehicles. It will also create continuous eight-foot-wide sidewalks that improve travel for vulnerable road users.

The City of Detroit is seeking federal assistance and has secured state resources to make this critical investment in safe infrastructure. I respectfully request the USDOT give full and fair consideration to the City's application.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zachary Kolodin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zachary Kolodin
Chief Infrastructure Officer
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