

AMENDED AGENDA—Tuesday, February 20, 2024

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to amend the order of the agenda with the addition of item g. Authorize RAISE Grant letter of support for the Cass County Highway 10 road project.

CONSENT AGENDA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cass County Commission

FROM: Tom Soucy, County Engineer 

DATE: February 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item for March 4th, 2024 Cass County Commission. Cass Highway 10, Tower City Through Buffalo, Letter of Support for RAISE Grant Application.

The Cass County Highway Department is once again applying for a RAISE Grant. The project is on Cass Highway 10, from Tower City through Buffalo.

This project is currently programmed in the 2025 and 2026 of the approved Cass County Capital Improvement Program (CIP), as approved by the County Commission. Cass County has committed a 50% match, \$6.55M of the total project of 13.1M, showing our commitment to maximizing Federal aid for this project.

Therefore, we are requesting the Commission Chairman to please sign the attached letter of support. This letter will be included in the application, along with other support letters that were sent Cass County elected officials, Schools, Businesses, and Cities.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve authorizing the Commission Chair to sign the RAISE Grant Letter of Support for the Cass Hwy 10 Project.



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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing to express our support for the application submitted by Cass County, North Dakota to the Fiscal Year (FY) 24 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Currently Cass County Highway 10 between Tower City and Buffalo and through Buffalo play a significant role in Cass County's transportation network, and the economy of eastern North Dakota. These stretches of highway support significant economic activity from the local farm community, as well as commuter traffic to the urban areas to our east. County Road 10 was previously US Highway 10 prior to the construction of I-94, and therefore retains a significant role as a parallel connector corridor across Cass County. However, without the proposed grading and surfacing improvements these corridors risk falling out of a state of good repair, as they currently rate among the worst pavements in Cass County.

The project also includes strategic investment in multimodal facilities through Tower City and Buffalo supporting the mobility of residents all ages without access to automobiles are who may choose to travel by biking or walking.

Cass County is therefore proposing a total reconstruction of these roadways including grading, paving, culvert replacement and flood damage prevention. The project would also widen and pave the shoulder and improve slopes and drainage along the corridor, meeting standards set by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). The project will also enhance trucking and freight movements to major agricultural commodity process and storage sites located in central Cass County, supporting the largest sector of the regional economy.

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Sincerely,

Chad Peterson Chairman,
Cass County Commission