RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PURSUIT OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the realignment of the Smith/Dodd intersection provides an opportunity to facilitate redevelopment of the Doddway Shopping Center and create a West St. Paul community space that incorporates housing and business development, green space, common use areas, pedestrian safety and vehicle safety; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of the Smith/Dodd intersection is a recommendation in the adopted Smith/Dodd Small Area Plan which facilitates growth and revitalization within West St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of the Smith/Dodd intersection provides an opportunity for the redevelopment of the Doddway Shopping Center as a mixed-use development, and

WHEREAS, the realignment of the Smith/Dodd intersection is planned to include utilizing existing right-of-way that will be vacated and used a public plaza; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of the Smith/Dodd intersection is also planned to accommodate a permanent memorial for Mendota Heights Officer Scott Patrick; and

WHEREAS, the House Appropriations Committee announced that they will begin accepting requests for community project funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of the Smith/Dodd intersection aligns with the funding guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for projects that include economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction and capital improvements of public facilities and public services; and

WHEREAS, the project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help foster growth opportunities within this inner-ring suburban community, create jobs throughout 2023 and forward, and provide quality of life improvements by creating a safe, vibrant local space; and

WHEREAS, if funding is secured through the Community Project Funding program, construction could occur in 2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West St. Paul City Council supports pursuit of Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding for the Realignment of the Smith/Dodd intersection.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 11th day of April, 2022.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor
Nicole Tillander, City Clerk