



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

**4A**  
Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** 3-14-23

**Title of Item:** Approve MnDOT Grant Agreements - SP 001-611-003

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <small><i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i></small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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<b>Submitted by:</b> John Welle	<b>Department:</b> Highway Department
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 10 minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**  
 Construction Contract 20231 for SP 001-611-003 - reconstruction of 3.2 miles of Aitkin CH 11 - was awarded at the January 24, 2023 Board Meeting.

A Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant has been awarded for this project. Attached is MnDOT Agreement No. 1052737 which is needed to receive the grant amount of \$1,000,000.

A Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant was also awarded for this project for the replacement of the culvert bridge in the Ripple River. Attached is MnDOT Agreement No. 1052744 which is needed to receive this grant in the amount of \$147,679.85.

In additional to these grant amounts, this project is the recipient of a \$2,200,000 federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The remaining \$874,002 cost of the \$4,227,400.75 project cost will utilize state-aid construction funds.

The County Attorney has reviewed these agreements and found it to be appropriate as to form and content.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
 Approve attached resolution authorizing the county engineer to execute these agreements.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?       Yes       No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted?       Yes       No      *Please Explain:*

By Commissioner: xxx

20230314-xxx

**RESOLUTION**  
**Exhibit E for Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fund**  
**Local Road Improvement Program**  
**Grant Terms and Conditions**  
**SAP 001-611-003**  
**3-14-23**

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for Local Road Improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the grant has been determined to be **\$1,000,000.00** by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Aitkin County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52 and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

**RESOLUTION**  
**For Agreement to State Transportation Fund**  
**Local Bridge Replacement Program**  
**Grant Terms and Conditions**  
**SAP 001-611-003**  
**3-14-23**

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 01J48; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the grant has been determined to be **\$ 147,679.85** by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Aitkin County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Commissioner xxx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

**Witness my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023**

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

**LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP)  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

**This Agreement** between the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) and the Grantee named below is made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 174.52 and pursuant to Minn. Laws 2020, 5th Special Session, Chapter 3- H.F. 1. The provisions in that section and the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated by reference constitute this Agreement and the persons signing below agree to fully comply with all of the requirements of this Agreement. This Agreement will be effective on the date State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes §16C.05, subdivision 2.

1. Public Entity (Grantee) name, address and contact person:

Aitkin County Highway Department  
1211 Air Park Drive  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Contact: John Welle – 218-927-7469

2. Project(s):

Name of Project & Project Number (See Exhibit C for location)	Amount of LRIP Funds	Amount of Required Matching Funds	Completion Date
SP 001-611-003	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,079,720.89	December 31, 2027

3. Total Amount of LRIP Grant for all projects under this Agreement: \$ 1,000,000.00
4. The following Exhibits for each project are attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A Completed Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule  
Exhibit B Project Schedule  
Exhibit C Bond Financed Property Certification  
Exhibit D Grant Application  
Exhibit E Grantee Resolution Approving Grant Agreement  
Exhibit F General Terms and Conditions

5. Additional requirements, if any:
  
6. Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

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**PUBLIC ENTITY (GRANTEE)**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
*Approval and Certifying Encumbrance*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid Programs Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Contract Management**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

**SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS SCHEDULE**

<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>		<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Entity Supplying Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>State Funds:</b>		<b>Items Paid for with LRIP Grant Funds:</b>	
LRIP Grant (Acct 331)	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>	Roadway, curb and gutter, storm sewer	\$1,000,000.00
Other:		Bridge Construction	\$147,679.85
LBRP MVLST Grant (under grant agreement 1052744)	\$147,679.85		
			\$
			\$
Subtotal	\$1,147,679.85	Subtotal	\$1,147,679.85
<b>Public Entity Funds:</b>		<b>Items paid for with Non-LRIP Grant Funds:</b>	
Matching Funds	\$879,720.89	Salvage Signs	\$ 5,719.00
Local Match		Bridge Construction	\$160,705.65
Other:		Roadway, curb and gutter, storm sewer	\$2,913,296.25
Federal Funds (STBG)	\$2,200,000.00		
	\$		\$
	\$		
Subtotal	\$3,079,720.89	Subtotal	3,079,720.89
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$ 4,227,400.75</u>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<u>\$ 4,227,400.75</u>

**EXHIBIT B**

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Letting Date of SP 001-611-003 – January 17, 2023  
Award Date – February 2, 2023  
Construction Start Date - TBD  
Construction Substantial Complete Date – October 20, 2023  
Contract Final Completion Date – December 31, 2027





**Attachment 1 to Exhibit C**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED PROPERTY

Located on County State Aid Highway 11 between approximately 257 Ft. W of the W. County Line & U.S. Hwy 169, approximately 8.1 miles S of Aitkin from approximately 1139 Ft. S of W  $\frac{1}{4}$  Cor. Of Sec. 6, T45N, R27W to approximately 27.8 Ft. W of N.W. Cor. Of Sec. 10, T45N, R27W

**EXHIBIT D**

GRANT APPLICATION

Attach the grant application for the project

**EXHIBIT E**

GRANTEE RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION**  
**Exhibit E for Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fund**  
**Local Road Improvement Program**  
**Grant Terms and Conditions**  
**SAP 001-611-003**  
*Date*

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**County' Signatures**

## EXHIBIT F

### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) GRANTS

#### Article I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 **Defined Terms.** The following terms shall have the meanings set out respectively after each such term (the meanings to be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined) unless the context specifically indicates otherwise:

“Advance(s)” - means an advance made or to be made by MnDOT to the Public Entity and disbursed in accordance with the provisions contained in Article VI hereof.

“Agreement” - means the Local Road Improvement Program Grant Agreement between the Public Entity and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to which this Exhibit is attached.

“Certification” - means the certification, in the form attached as **Exhibit C**, in which the Public Entity acknowledges that its interest in the Real Property is bond financed property within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and is subject to certain restrictions imposed thereby.

“Code” - means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all treasury regulations, revenue procedures and revenue rulings issued pursuant thereto.

“Commissioner” - means the Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget.

“Commissioner’s Order” - means the “Fourth Order Amending Order of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget Relating to Use and Sale of State Bond Financed Property” dated July 30, 2012, as it may be amended or supplemented.

“Completion Date” - means the projected date for completion of the Project as indicated in the Agreement.

“Construction Contract Documents” - means the document or documents, in form and substance acceptable to MnDOT, including but not limited to any construction plans and specifications and any exhibits, amendments, change orders, modifications thereof or supplements thereto, which collectively form the contract between the Public Entity and the Contractor(s) for the completion of the Construction Items on or before the Completion Date for either a fixed price or a guaranteed maximum price.

“Construction Items” - means the work to be performed under the Construction Contract Documents.

“Contractor” - means any person engaged to work on or to furnish materials and supplies for the Construction Items including, if applicable, a general contractor.

“Draw Requisition” - means a draw requisition that the Public Entity, or its designee, submits to MnDOT when an Advance is requested, as referred to in Section 4.02.

“G.O. Bonds” - means the state general obligation bonds issued under the authority granted in Article XI, Sec. 5(a) of the Minnesota Constitution, the proceeds of which are used to fund the LRIP Grant, and any bonds issued to refund or replace such bonds.

“Grant Application” - means the grant application that the Public Entity submitted to MnDOT which is attached as **Exhibit D**.

“LRIP Grant” - means a grant from MnDOT to the Public Entity under the LRIP in the amount specified in the Agreement, as such amount may be modified under the provisions hereof.

“LRIP” - means the Local Road Improvement Program pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 174.52 and rules relating thereto.

“MnDOT” - means the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

“Outstanding Balance of the LRIP Grant” - means the portion of the LRIP Grant that has been disbursed to the Public Entity minus any amounts returned to the Commissioner.

“Project” - means the Project identified in the Agreement to be totally or partially funded with a LRIP grant.

“Public Entity” - means the grantee of the LRIP Grant and identified as the Public Entity in the Agreement.

“Real Property” - means the real property identified in the Agreement on which the Project is located.

## **Article II**

### **GRANT**

Section 2.01 **Grant of Monies.** MnDOT shall make the LRIP Grant to the Public Entity, and disburse the proceeds in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

Section 2.02 **Public Ownership,** The Public Entity acknowledges and agrees that the LRIP Grant is being funded with the proceeds of G.O. Bonds, and as a result all of the Real Property must be owned by one or more public entities. The Public Entity represents and warrants to MnDOT that it has one or more of the following ownership interests in the Real Property: (i) fee simple ownership, (ii) an easement that is for a term that extends beyond the date that is 37.5 years from the Agreement effective date, or such shorter term as authorized by statute, and which cannot be modified or terminated early without the prior written consent of MnDOT and the Commissioner; and/or (iii) a prescriptive easement for a term that extends beyond the date that is 37.5 years from the Agreement effective date.

Section 2.03 **Use of Grant Proceeds.** The Public Entity shall use the LRIP Grant solely to reimburse itself for expenditures it has already made, or will make, to pay the costs of one of the following applicable activities: (i) preliminary, final construction and engineering and administration (ii) constructing or reconstructing city streets, county highways, or town roads with statewide or regional significance that have not been fully funded through other state, federal, or local funding sources; or (iii) capital improvement projects on county state-aid highways that are intended primarily to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage. The Public Entity shall not use the LRIP Grant for any other purpose, including but not limited to, any work to be done on a state trunk highway or within a trunk highway easement.

**Section 2.04 Operation of the Real Property.** The Real Property must be used by the Public Entity in conjunction with or for the operation of a county highway, county state-aid highway, town road, or city street and for other uses customarily associated therewith, such as trails and utility corridors, and for no other purposes or uses. The Public Entity shall have no intention on the effective date of the Agreement to use the Real Property as a trunk highway or any part of a trunk highway. The Public Entity must annually determine that the Real Property is being used for the purposes specified in this Section and, upon written request by either MnDOT or the Commissioner, shall supply a notarized statement to that effect.

**Section 2.05 Sale or Lease of Real Property.** The Public Entity shall not (i) sell or transfer any part of its ownership interest in the Real Property, or (ii) lease out or enter into any contract that would allow another entity to use or operate the Real Property without the written consent of both MnDOT and the Commissioner. The sale or transfer of any part of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property, or any lease or contract that would allow another entity to use or operate the Real Property, must comply with the requirements imposed by Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order regarding such sale or lease.

**Section 2.06 Public Entity's Representations and Warranties.** The Public Entity represents and warrants to MnDOT that:

- A. It has legal authority to execute, deliver and perform the Agreement and all documents referred to therein, and it has taken all actions necessary to its execution and delivery of such documents.
- B. It has the ability and a plan to fund the operation of the Real Property for the purposes specified in Section 2.04, and will include in its annual budget all funds necessary for the operation of the Real Property for such purposes.
- C. The Agreement and all other documents referred to therein are the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Public Entity enforceable against the Public Entity in accordance with their respective terms.
- D. It will comply with all of the provisions of Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695, the Commissioner's Order and the LRIP. It has legal authority to use the G.O. Grant for the purpose or purposes described in this Agreement.
- E. All of the information it has submitted or will submit to MnDOT or the Commissioner relating to the LRIP Grant or the disbursement of the LRIP Grant is and will be true and correct.
- F. It is not in violation of any provisions of its charter or of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and there are no actions or proceedings pending, or to its knowledge threatened, before any judicial body or governmental authority against or affecting it relating to the Real Property, or its ownership interest therein, and it is not in default with respect to any order, writ, injunction, decree, or demand of any court or any governmental authority which would impair its ability to enter into the Agreement or any document referred to herein, or to perform any of the acts required of it in such documents.
- G. Neither the execution and delivery of the Agreement or any document referred to herein nor compliance with any of the provisions or requirements of any of such documents is prevented by, is a breach of, or will result in a breach of, any provision of any agreement or document to which it is now a party or by which it is bound.



- H. The contemplated use of the Real Property will not violate any applicable zoning or use statute, ordinance, building code, rule or regulation, or any covenant or agreement of record relating thereto.
- I. The Project will be completed and the Real Property will be operated in full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations of any federal, state, or local political subdivision having jurisdiction over the Project and the Real Property.
- J. All applicable licenses, permits and bonds required for the performance and completion of the Project and for the operation of the Real Property as specified in Section 2.04 have been, or will be, obtained.
- K. It reasonably expects to possess its ownership interest in the Real Property described in Section 2.02 for at least 37.5 years, and it does not expect to sell such ownership interest.
- L. It does not expect to lease out or enter into any contract that would allow another entity to use or operate the Real Property.
- M. It will supply whatever funds are needed in addition to the LRIP Grant to complete and fully pay for the Project.
- N. The Construction Items will be completed substantially in accordance with the Construction Contract Documents by the Completion Date and all such items will be situated entirely on the Real Property.
- O. It will require the Contractor or Contractors to comply with all rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws bearing on its performance under the Construction Contract Documents.
- P. It shall furnish such satisfactory evidence regarding the representations and warranties described herein as may be required and requested by either MnDOT or the Commissioner.
- Q. It has made no material false statement or misstatement of fact in connection with its receipt of the G.O. Grant, and all the information it has submitted or will submit to the State Entity or Commissioner of MMB relating to the G.O. Grant or the disbursement of any of the G.O. Grant is and will be true and correct.

**Section 2.07 Event(s) of Default.** The following events shall, unless waived in writing by MnDOT and the Commissioner, constitute an Event of Default under the Agreement upon either MnDOT or the Commissioner giving the Public Entity 30 days' written notice of such event and the Public Entity's failure to cure such event during such 30-day time period for those Events of Default that can be cured within 30 days or within whatever time period is needed to cure those Events of Default that cannot be cured within 30 days as long as the Public Entity is using its best efforts to cure and is making reasonable progress in curing such Events of Default; however, in no event shall the time period to cure any Event of Default exceed six (6) months unless otherwise consented to, in writing, by MnDOT and the Commissioner.

- A. If any representation, covenant, or warranty made by the Public Entity herein or in any other document furnished pursuant to the Agreement, or to induce MnDOT to disburse the LRIP Grant, shall prove to have been untrue or incorrect in any material respect or materially misleading as of the time such representation, covenant, or warranty was made.

- B. If the Public Entity fails to fully comply with any provision, covenant, or warranty contained herein.
- C. If the Public Entity fails to fully comply with any provision, covenant or warranty contained in Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695, the Commissioner's Order, or Minn. Stat. Sec. 174.52 and all rules related thereto.
- D. If the Public Entity fails to use the proceeds of the LRIP Grant for the purposes set forth in Section 2.03, the Grant Application, and in accordance with the LRIP.
- E. If the Public Entity fails to operate the Real Property for the purposes specified in Section 2.04.
- F. If the Public Entity fails to complete the Project by the Completion Date.
- G. If the Public Entity sells or transfers any portion of its ownership interest in the Real Property without first obtaining the written consent of both MnDOT and the Commissioner.
- H. If the Public Entity fails to provide any additional funds needed to fully pay for the Project.
- I. If the Public Entity fails to supply the funds needed to operate the Real Property in the manner specified in Section 2.04.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any of the above events that cannot be cured shall, unless waived in writing by MnDOT and the Commissioner, constitute an Event of Default under the Agreement immediately upon either MnDOT or the Commissioner giving the Public Entity written notice of such event.

Section 2.08 **Remedies.** Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and at any time thereafter until such Event of Default is cured to the satisfaction of MnDOT, MnDOT or the Commissioner may enforce any or all of the following remedies.

- A. MnDOT may refrain from disbursing the LRIP Grant; provided, however, MnDOT may make such disbursements after the occurrence of an Event of Default without waiving its rights and remedies hereunder.
- B. If the Event of Default involves a sale of the Public Entity's interest in the Real Property in violation of Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 or the Commissioner's Order, the Commissioner, as a third party beneficiary of the Agreement, may require that the Public Entity pay the amounts that would have been paid if there had been compliance with such provisions. For other Events of Default, the Commissioner may require that the Outstanding Balance of the LRIP Grant be returned to it.
- C. Either MnDOT or the Commissioner, as a third party beneficiary of the Agreement, may enforce any additional remedies it may have in law or equity.

The rights and remedies specified herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies that MnDOT or the Commissioner would otherwise possess.

If the Public Entity does not repay the amounts required to be paid under this Section or under any other provision contained herein within 30 days of demand by the Commissioner, or any amount ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of entry of judgment against the Public Entity and in favor

of MnDOT and/or the Commissioner, then such amount may, unless precluded by law, be offset against any aids or other monies that the Public Entity is entitled to receive from the State of Minnesota.

**Section 2.09 Notification of Event of Default.** The Public Entity shall furnish to MnDOT and the Commissioner, as soon as possible and in any event within seven (7) days after it has obtained knowledge of the occurrence of each Event of Default, a statement setting forth details of each Event of Default and the action which the Public Entity proposes to take with respect thereto.

**Section 2.10 Effect of Event of Default.** The Agreement shall survive Events of Default and remain in full force and effect, even upon full disbursement of the LRIP Grant, and shall only be terminated under the circumstances set forth in Section 2.11.

**Section 2.11 Termination of Agreement and Modification of LRIP Grant.**

A. If the Project is not started within five (5) years after the effective date of the Agreement or the LRIP Grant has not been disbursed within four (4) years after the date the Project was started, MnDOT's obligation to fund the LRIP Grant shall terminate. In such event, (i) if none of the LRIP Grant has been disbursed by such date, MnDOT shall have no obligation to fund the LRIP Grant and the Agreement will terminate, and (ii) if some but not all of the LRIP Grant has been disbursed by such date, MnDOT shall have no further obligation to provide any additional funding for the LRIP Grant and the Agreement shall remain in force but shall be modified to reflect the amount of the LRIP Grant that was actually disbursed and the Public Entity is still obligated to complete the Project by the Completion Date.

B. The Agreement shall terminate upon the Public Entity's sale of its interest in the Real Property and transmittal of the required portion of the proceeds of the sale to the Commissioner in compliance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order, or upon the termination of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property if such ownership interest is an easement.

**Section 2.12 Excess Funds.** If the full amount of the G.O. Grant and any matching funds referred to in Section 5.13 are not needed to complete the Project, then, unless language in the G.O. Bonding Legislation indicates otherwise, the G.O. Grant shall be reduced by the amount not needed.

**Article III**

**COMPLIANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTE, SEC. 16A.695  
AND THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER**

**Section 3.01 State Bond Financed Property.** The Public Entity acknowledges that its interest in the Real Property is, or when acquired by it will be, "state bond financed property", as such term is used in Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order and, therefore, the provisions contained in such statute and order apply, or will apply, to its interest in the Real Property, even if the LRIP Grant will only pay for a portion of the Project.

**Section 3.02 Preservation of Tax Exempt Status.** In order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the G.O. Bonds, the Public Entity agrees as follows:

A. It will not use the Real Property or use or invest the LRIP Grant or any other sums treated as "bond proceeds" under Section 148 of the Code (including "investment proceeds," "invested sinking funds" and "replacement proceeds") in such a manner as to cause the G.O. Bonds to be classified as "arbitrage bonds" under Code Section 148.

- B. It will deposit and hold the LRIP Grant in a segregated non-interest-bearing account until such funds are used for payments for the Project.
- C. It will, upon written request, provide the Commissioner all information required to satisfy the informational requirements set forth in the Code, including Sections 103 and 148, with respect to the G.O. Bonds.
- D. It will, upon the occurrence of any act or omission by the Public Entity that could cause the interest on the G.O. Bonds to no longer be tax exempt and upon direction from the Commissioner, take such actions and furnish such documents as the Commissioner determines to be necessary to ensure that the interest to be paid on the G.O. Bonds is exempt from federal taxation, which such action may include: (i) compliance with proceedings intended to classify the G.O. Bonds as a “qualified bond” within the meaning of Code Section 141(e), or (ii) changing the nature of the use of the Real Property so that none of the net proceeds of the G.O. Bonds will be deemed to be used, directly or indirectly, in an “unrelated trade or business” or for any “private business use” within the meaning of Code Sections 141(b) and 145(a).
- E. It will not otherwise use any of the LRIP Grant or take, permit or cause to be taken, or omit to take, any action that would adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on the G.O. Bonds, and if it should take, permit or cause to be taken, or omit to take, as appropriate, any such action, it shall take all lawful actions necessary to correct such actions or omissions promptly upon obtaining knowledge thereof.

Section 3.03 **Changes to G.O. Compliance Legislation or the Commissioner’s Order.** If Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 or the Commissioner’s Order is amended in a manner that reduces any requirement imposed against the Public Entity, or if the Public Entity’s interest in the Real Property becomes exempted from Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner’s Order, then upon written request by the Public Entity, MnDOT shall execute an amendment to the Agreement to implement such amendment or exempt the Public Entity’s interest in the Real Property from Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner’s Order.

#### **Article IV** **DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT PROCEEDS**

Section 4.01 **The Advances.** MnDOT agrees, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, to make Advances of the LRIP Grant to the Public Entity from time to time in an aggregate total amount not to exceed the amount of the LRIP Grant. If the amount of LRIP Grant that MnDOT cumulatively disburses hereunder to the Public Entity is less than the amount of the LRIP Grant delineated in Section 1.01, then MnDOT and the Public Entity shall enter into and execute whatever documents MnDOT may request in order to amend or modify this Agreement to reduce the amount of the LRIP Grant to the amount actually disbursed. Provided, however, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2.11, MnDOT’s obligation to make Advances shall terminate as of the dates specified in Section 2.11 even if the entire LRIP Grant has not been disbursed by such dates.

Advances shall only be for expenses that (i) are for those items of a capital nature delineated in Source and Use of Funds that is attached as **Exhibit A**, (ii) accrued no earlier than the effective date of the legislation that appropriated the funds that are used to fund the LRIP Grant, or (iii) have otherwise been consented to, in writing, by the Commissioner.

It is the intent of the parties hereto that the rate of disbursement of the Advances shall not exceed the rate

of completion of the Project or the rate of disbursement of the matching funds required, if any, under Section 5.13. Therefore, the cumulative amount of all Advances disbursed by the State Entity at any point in time shall not exceed the portion of the Project that has been completed and the percentage of the matching funds required, if any, under Section 5.13 that have been disbursed as of such point in time. This requirement is expressed by way of the following two formulas:

Formula #1:

Cumulative Advances  $\leq$  (Program Grant)  $\times$  (percentage of matching funds, if any, required under Section 5.13 that have been disbursed)

Formula #2:

Cumulative Advances  $\leq$  (Program Grant)  $\times$  (percentage of Project completed)

Section 4.02 **Draw Requisitions.** Whenever the Public Entity desires a disbursement of a portion of the LRIP Grant the Public Entity shall submit to MnDOT a Draw Requisition duly executed on behalf of the Public Entity or its designee. Each Draw Requisition with respect to construction items shall be limited to amounts equal to: (i) the total value of the classes of the work by percentage of completion as approved by the Public Entity and MnDOT, plus (ii) the value of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Project but delivered and suitably stored on or off the Real Property in a manner acceptable to MnDOT, less (iii) any applicable retainage, and less (iv) all prior Advances.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Advances for materials stored on or off the Real Property will be made by MnDOT unless the Public Entity shall advise MnDOT, in writing, of its intention to so store materials prior to their delivery and MnDOT has not objected thereto.

At the time of submission of each Draw Requisition, other than the final Draw Requisition, the Public Entity shall submit to MnDOT such supporting evidence as may be requested by MnDOT to substantiate all payments which are to be made out of the relevant Draw Requisition or to substantiate all payments then made with respect to the Project.

The final Draw Requisition shall not be submitted before completion of the Project, including any correction of material defects in workmanship or materials (other than the completion of punch list items). At the time of submission of the final Draw Requisition the Public Entity shall submit to MnDOT: (I) such supporting evidence as may be requested by MnDOT to substantiate all payments which are to be made out of the final Draw Requisition or to substantiate all payments then made with respect to the Project, and (ii) satisfactory evidence that all work requiring inspection by municipal or other governmental authorities having jurisdiction has been duly inspected and approved by such authorities and that all requisite certificates and other approvals have been issued.

If on the date an Advance is desired the Public Entity has complied with all requirements of this Agreement and MnDOT approves the relevant Draw Requisition, then MnDOT shall disburse the amount of the requested Advance to the Public Entity.

Section 4.03 **Additional Funds.** If MnDOT shall at any time in good faith determine that the sum of the undisbursed amount of the LRIP Grant plus the amount of all other funds committed to the Project is less than the amount required to pay all costs and expenses of any kind which reasonably may be anticipated in connection with the Project, then MnDOT may send written notice thereof to the Public Entity specifying the amount which must be supplied in order to provide sufficient funds to complete the Project. The Public Entity agrees that it will, within 10 calendar days of receipt of any such notice, supply or have some other entity supply the amount of funds specified in MnDOT's notice.

Section 4.04 **Condition Precedent to Any Advance.** The obligation of MnDOT to make any Advance hereunder (including the initial Advance) shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

- A. MnDOT shall have received a Draw Requisition for such Advance specifying the amount of funds being requested, which such amount when added to all prior requests for an Advance shall not exceed the amount of the LRIP Grant set forth in Section 1.01.
- B. No Event of Default under this Agreement or event which would constitute an Event of Default but for the requirement that notice be given or that a period of grace or time elapse shall have occurred and be continuing.
- C. No determination shall have been made by MnDOT that the amount of funds committed to the Project is less than the amount required to pay all costs and expenses of any kind that may reasonably be anticipated in connection with the Project, or if such a determination has been made and notice thereof sent to the Public Entity under Section 4.03, then the Public Entity has supplied, or has caused some other entity to supply, the necessary funds in accordance with such section or has provided evidence acceptable to MnDOT that sufficient funds are available.
- D. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the Public Entity has sufficient funds to fully and completely pay for the Project and all other expenses that may occur in conjunction therewith.
- E. The Public Entity has supplied to the State Entity all other items that the State Entity may reasonably require

Section 4.05 **Processing and Disbursement of Advances.** The Public Entity acknowledges and agrees as follows:

- A. Advances are not made prior to completion of work performed on the Project.
- B. All Advances are processed on a reimbursement basis.
- C. The Public Entity must first document expenditures to obtain an Advance.
- D. Reimbursement requests are made on a partial payment basis or when the Project is completed.
- E. All payments are made following the “Delegated Contract Process or State Aid Payment Request” as requested and approved by the appropriate district state aid engineer.

Section 4.06 **Construction Inspections.** The Public Entity shall be responsible for making its own inspections and observations regarding the completion of the Project, and shall determine to its own satisfaction that all work done or materials supplied have been properly done or supplied in accordance with all contracts that the Public Entity has entered into regarding the completion of the Project.

## **Article V MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 5.01 **Insurance.** If the Public Entity elects to maintain general comprehensive liability insurance regarding the Real Property, then the Public Entity shall have MnDOT named as an additional named insured therein.

**Section 5.02 Condemnation.** If, after the Public Entity has acquired the ownership interest set forth in Section 2.02, all or any portion of the Real Property is condemned to an extent that the Public Entity can no longer comply with Section 2.04, then the Public Entity shall, at its sole option, either: (i) use the condemnation proceeds to acquire an interest in additional real property needed for the Public Entity to continue to comply with Section 2.04 and to provide whatever additional funds that may be needed for such purposes, or (ii) submit a request to MnDOT and the Commissioner to allow it to sell the remaining portion of its interest in the Real Property. Any condemnation proceeds which are not used to acquire an interest in additional real property shall be applied in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order as if the Public Entity's interest in the Real Property had been sold. If the Public Entity elects to sell its interest in the portion of the Real Property that remains after the condemnation, such sale must occur within a reasonable time period after the date the condemnation occurred and the cumulative sum of the condemnation and sale proceeds applied in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order.

If MnDOT receives any condemnation proceeds referred to herein, MnDOT agrees to or pay over to the Public Entity all of such condemnation proceeds so that the Public Entity can comply with the requirements of this Section.

**Section 5.03 Use, Maintenance, Repair and Alterations.** The Public Entity shall not, without the written consent of MnDOT and the Commissioner, (i) permit or allow the use of any of the Real Property for any purpose other than the purposes specified in Section 2.04, (ii) substantially alter any of the Real Property except such alterations as may be required by laws, ordinances or regulations, or such other alterations as may improve the Real Property by increasing its value or which improve its ability to be used for the purposes set forth in Section 2.04, (iii) take any action which would unduly impair or depreciate the value of the Real Property, (iv) abandon the Real Property, or (v) commit or permit any act to be done in or on the Real Property in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation.

If the Public Entity fails to maintain the Real Property in accordance with this Section, MnDOT may perform whatever acts and expend whatever funds necessary to so maintain the Real Property, and the Public Entity irrevocably authorizes MnDOT to enter upon the Real Property to perform such acts as may be necessary to so maintain the Real Property. Any actions taken or funds expended by MnDOT shall be at its sole discretion, and nothing contained herein shall require MnDOT to take any action or incur any expense and MnDOT shall not be responsible, or liable to the Public Entity or any other entity, for any such acts that are performed in good faith and not in a negligent manner. Any funds expended by MnDOT pursuant to this Section shall be due and payable on demand by MnDOT and will bear interest from the date of payment by MnDOT at a rate equal to the lesser of the maximum interest rate allowed by law or 18% per year based upon a 365-day year.

**Section 5.04 Recordkeeping and Reporting.** The Public Entity shall maintain books and records pertaining to Project costs and expenses needed to comply with the requirements contained herein, Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695, the Commissioner's Order, and Minn. Stat. Sec. 174.52 and all rules related thereto, and upon request shall allow MnDOT, its auditors, the Legislative Auditor for the State of Minnesota, or the State Auditor for the State of Minnesota, to inspect, audit, copy, or abstract all of such items. The Public Entity shall use generally accepted accounting principles in the maintenance of such items, and shall retain all of such books and records for a period of six years after the date that the Project is fully completed and placed into operation.

**Section 5.05 Inspections by MnDOT.** The Public Entity shall allow MnDOT to inspect the Real Property upon reasonable request by MnDOT and without interfering with the normal use of the Real Property.

Section 5.06 **Liability.** The Public Entity and MnDOT agree that each will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law, and neither shall be responsible for the acts of the other party and the results thereof. The liability of MnDOT and the Commissioner is governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. Sec. 3.736. If the Public Entity is a “municipality” as that term is used in Minn. Stat. Chapter 466, then the liability of the Public Entity is governed by the provisions of Chapter 466. The Public Entity’s liability hereunder shall not be limited to the extent of insurance carried by or provided by the Public Entity, or subject to any exclusion from coverage in any insurance policy.

Section 5.07 **Relationship of the Parties.** Nothing contained in the Agreement is to be construed as establishing a relationship of co-partners or joint venture among the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner, nor shall the Public Entity be considered to be an agent, representative, or employee of MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota in the performance of the Agreement or the Project.

No employee of the Public Entity or other person engaging in the performance of the Agreement or the Project shall be deemed have any contractual relationship with MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota and shall not be considered an employee of any of those entities. Any claims that may arise on behalf of said employees or other persons out of employment or alleged employment, including claims under the Workers’ Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota, claims of discrimination against the Public Entity or its officers, agents, contractors, or employees shall in no way be the responsibility of MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota. Such employees or other persons shall not require nor be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits of any kind whatsoever from MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota, including tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, disability benefits, severance pay and retirement benefits.

Section 5.08 **Notices.** In addition to any notice required under applicable law to be given in another manner, any notices required hereunder must be in writing and personally served or sent by prepaid, registered, or certified mail (return receipt requested), to the address of the party specified below or to such different address as may in the future be specified by a party by written notice to the others:

To the Public Entity: At the address indicated on the first page of the Agreement.

To MnDOT at: Minnesota Department of Transportation  
Office of State Aid  
395 John Ireland Blvd., MS 500  
Saint Paul, MN 55155  
Attention: Marc Briese, State Aid Programs Engineer

To the Commissioner at: Minnesota Management & Budget  
400 Centennial Office Bldg.  
658 Cedar St.  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
Attention: Commissioner

Section 5.09 **Assignment or Modification.** Neither the Public Entity nor MnDOT may assign any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

Section 5.10 **Waiver.** Neither the failure by the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner, as a third party beneficiary of the Agreement, in one or more instances to insist upon the complete observance or performance of any provision hereof, nor the failure of the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner to exercise any right or remedy conferred hereunder or afforded by law shall be construed as waiving any



breach of such provision or the right to exercise such right or remedy thereafter. In addition, no delay by any of the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner in exercising any right or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right or remedy preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy.

**Section 5.11 Choice of Law and Venue.** All matters relating to the validity, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of the Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. All legal actions arising from any provision of the Agreement shall be initiated and venued in the State of Minnesota District Court located in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Section 5.12 Severability.** If any provision of the Agreement is finally judged by any court to be invalid, then the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and they shall be interpreted, performed, and enforced as if the invalid provision did not appear herein.

**Section 5.13 Matching Funds.** Any matching funds as shown on Page 1 of the Grant Agreement that are required to be obtained and supplied by the Public Entity must either be in the form of (i) cash monies, (ii) legally binding commitments for money, or (iii) equivalent funds or contributions, including equity, which have been or will be used to pay for the Project. The Public Entity shall supply to MnDOT whatever documentation MnDOT may request to substantiate the availability and source of any matching funds.

**Section 5.14 Sources and Uses of Funds.** The Public Entity represents to MnDOT and the Commissioner that the Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule attached as **Exhibit A** accurately shows the total cost of the Project and all of the funds that are available for the completion of the Project. The Public Entity will supply any other information and documentation that MnDOT or the Commissioner may request to support or explain any of the information contained in the Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule. If any of the funds shown in the Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule have conditions precedent to the release of such funds, the Public Entity must provide to MnDOT a detailed description of such conditions and what is being done to satisfy such conditions.

**Section 5.15 Project Completion Schedule.** The Public Entity represents to MnDOT and the Commissioner that the Project Completion Schedule attached as **Exhibit B** correctly and accurately sets forth the projected schedule for the completion of the Project.

**Section 5.16 Third-Party Beneficiary.** The Governmental Program will benefit the State of Minnesota and the provisions and requirements contained herein are for the benefit of both the State Entity and the State of Minnesota. Therefore, the State of Minnesota, by and through its Commissioner of MMB, is and shall be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

**Section 5.17 Public Entity Tasks.** Any tasks that the Agreement imposes upon the Public Entity may be performed by such other entity as the Public Entity may select or designate, provided that the failure of such other entity to perform said tasks shall be deemed to be a failure to perform by the Public Entity.

**Section 5.18 Data Practices.** The Public Entity agrees with respect to any data that it possesses regarding the G.O. Grant or the Project to comply with all of the provisions and restrictions contained in the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as such may subsequently be amended or replaced from time to time.

**Section 5.19 Non-Discrimination.** The Public Entity agrees to not engage in discriminatory employment practices regarding the Project and it shall fully comply with all of the provisions contained in

Minnesota Statutes Chapters 363A and 181, as such may subsequently be amended or replaced from time to time.

Section 5.20 **Worker's Compensation.** The Public Entity agrees to comply with all of the provisions relating to worker's compensation contained in Minn. Stat. Secs. 176.181 subd. 2 and 176.182, as they may be amended or replaced from time to time with respect to the Project.

Section 5.21 **Antitrust Claims.** The Public Entity hereby assigns to MnDOT and the Commissioner of MMB all claims it may have for over charges as to goods or services provided with respect to the Project that arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Minnesota or of the United States of America.

Section 5.22 **Prevailing Wages.** The Public Entity agrees to comply with all of the applicable provisions contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 177, and specifically those provisions contained in Minn. Stat. §. 177.41 through 177.435 as they may be amended or replaced from time to time with respect to the Project. By agreeing to this provision, the Public Entity is not acknowledging or agreeing that the cited provisions apply to the Project.

Section 5.23 **Entire Agreement.** The Agreement and all of the exhibits attached thereto embody the entire agreement between the Public Entity and MnDOT, and there are no other agreements, either oral or written, between the Public Entity and MnDOT on the subject matter hereof.

Section 5.24 **E-Verification.** The Public Entity agrees and acknowledges that it is aware of Minn.Stat. § 16C.075 regarding e-verification of employment of all newly hired employees to confirm that such employees are legally entitled to work in the United States, and that it will, if and when applicable, fully comply with such order.

Section 5.25 **Telecommunications Certification.** If federal funds are included in Exhibit A, by signing this agreement, Contractor certifies that, consistent with Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. 115-232 (Aug. 13, 2018), and 2 CFR 200.216, Contractor will not use funding covered by this agreement to procure or obtain, or to extend, renew, or enter into any contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses "covered telecommunications equipment or services" (as that term is defined in Section 889 of the Act) as a substantial or essential component of any system or as critical technology as part of any system. Contractor will include this certification as a flow down clause in any contract related to this agreement.

Section 5.26 **Title VI/Non-discrimination Assurances.** Public Entity agrees to comply with all applicable US DOT Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances contained in DOT Order No. 1050.2A, and in particular Appendices A and E, which can be found at: [https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs\\_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=11149035](https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=11149035). If federal funds are included in Exhibit A, Public Entity will ensure the appendices and solicitation language within the assurances are inserted into contracts as required. MnDOT may conduct a review of the Public Entity's compliance with this provision. The Public Entity must cooperate with MnDOT throughout the review process by supplying all requested information and documentation to MnDOT, making Public Entity staff and officials available for meetings as requested, and correcting any areas of non-compliance as determined by MnDOT.

Section 5.27 **Electronic Records and Signatures.** The parties agree to contract by electronic means. This includes using electronic signatures and converting original documents to electronic records.

Section 5.28 **Certification.** By signing this Agreement, the Grantee certifies that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal or state awards.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

This agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation ("State"), and ("Grantee"):

Public Entity (Grantee) name, address and contact person:

Aitkin County Highway Department  
1211 Air Park Drive  
Aitkin, MN 56431

Contact: John Welle – 218-927-7469

**RECITALS**

1. Minnesota Statutes § 297A.815, subd. 3(d) and § 174.50, subd. 6-7 authorize the State to enter into this agreement.
2. Grantee has been awarded Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) funds under Minn. Stat. § 174.50, subd. 6-7.
3. Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this agreement to the satisfaction of the State. Pursuant to [Minn.Stat. §16B.98](#), Subd.1, Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this agreement.

**AGREEMENT TERMS**

**1 Term of Agreement, Survival of Terms, and Incorporation of Exhibits**

- 1.1 **Effective Date.** This agreement will be effective on the date the State obtains all required signatures under [Minn. Stat. §16B.98](#), Subd. 5. As required by [Minn.Stat. §16B.98](#) Subd. 7, no payments will be made to Grantee until this agreement is fully executed. Grantee must not begin work under this agreement until this agreement is fully executed and Grantee has been notified by the State's Authorized Representative to begin the work.
- 1.2 **Expiration Date.** This agreement will expire on **December 31, 2027**, or when all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.
- 1.3 **Survival of Terms.** All clauses which impose obligations continuing in their nature and which must survive in order to give effect to their meaning will survive the expiration or termination of this agreement, including, without limitation, the following clauses: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 11. Workers Compensation; 12. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 14. Data Disclosure.
- 1.4 **Exhibits.** Exhibit A: Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule; Exhibit B: Grant Application; and Exhibit C: Grantee Resolution Approving Grant Agreement are attached and incorporated into this agreement.

**2 Grantee's Duties**

- 2.1 Grantee will conduct one or more of the following activities in accordance with its grant application, or in the case of legislatively selected projects, in accordance with the enabling session law, which is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B: (i) constructing or reconstructing a bridge, (ii) abandoning an existing bridge that is deficient and in need of replacement, but where no replacement will be made, or (iii) constructing a road to facilitate the abandonment or removal of an existing bridge determined to be deficient.
- 2.2 Grantee will comply with all required grants management policies and procedures set forth through [Minn.Stat. §16B.97](#), Subd. 4 (a) (1).
- 2.3 **Asset Monitoring.** If Grantee uses funds obtained by this agreement to acquire a capital asset, the Grantee is required to use that asset for a public purpose for the normal useful life of the asset. Grantee may not sell or change the purpose of use for the capital asset(s) obtained with grant funds under this agreement without the prior written consent of the State and an agreement executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.

**3 Time**

- 3.1 Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this agreement. In the performance of this grant agreement, time is of the essence.

#### 4 Consideration and Payment

4.1 **Consideration.** The State will pay for all services performed by Grantee under this agreement as follows:

4.1.1 **Compensation.** Grantee will be reimbursed for actual, incurred costs that are eligible under Minn. Stat. § 174.50, subd 6-7. Grantee shall use this grant solely to reimburse itself for expenditures it has already made to pay for the costs of one or more of the activities listed under section 2.1.

4.1.2 **Sources and Uses of Funds.** Grantee represents to State that the Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule attached as Exhibit A accurately shows the total cost of the project and all of the funds that are available for the completion of the project. Grantee agrees that it will pay for any costs that are ineligible for reimbursement and for any amount by which the costs exceed State's total obligation in section 4.1.3. Grantee will return to State any amount appropriated but not required.

4.1.3 **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to Grantee under this agreement will not exceed **\$147,679.85.**

#### 4.2 Payment

4.2.1 **Invoices.** Grantee will submit state aid pay requests for reimbursements requested under this grant agreement. The State will promptly pay Grantee after Grantee presents an itemized invoice for the services actually performed and the State's Authorized Representative accepts the invoiced services.

4.2.2 **All Invoices Subject to Audit.** All invoices are subject to audit, at State's discretion.

4.2.3 **State's Payment Requirements.** State will promptly pay all valid obligations under this agreement as required by Minnesota Statutes §16A.124. State will make undisputed payments no later than 30 days after receiving Grantee's invoices and progress reports for services performed. If an invoice is incorrect, defective or otherwise improper, State will notify Grantee within ten days of discovering the error. After State receives the corrected invoice, State will pay Grantee within 30 days of receipt of such invoice.

4.2.4 **Grant Monitoring Visit and Financial Reconciliation.** During the period of performance, the State will make at least annual monitoring visits and conduct annual financial reconciliations of Grantee's expenditures.

4.2.4.1 The State's Authorized Representative will notify Grantee's Authorized Representative where and when any monitoring visit and financial reconciliation will take place, which State employees and/or contractors will participate, and which Grantee staff members should be present. Grantee will be provided with at least seven calendar days of notice prior to any monitoring visit or financial reconciliation.

4.2.4.2 Following a monitoring visit or financial reconciliation, Grantee will take timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies identified by State.

4.2.4.3 At least one monitoring visit and one financial reconciliation must be completed prior to final payment being made to Grantee.

4.2.5 **Unexpended Funds.** The Grantee must promptly return to the State at grant closeout any unexpended funds that have not been accounted for in a financial report submitted to the State.

4.2.6 **Closeout.** The State will determine, at its sole discretion, whether a closeout audit is required prior to final payment approval. If a closeout audit is required, final payment will be held until the audit has been completed. Monitoring of any capital assets acquired with grant funds will continue following grant closeout.

4.3 **Contracting and Bidding Requirements.** If Grantee is a municipality as defined by Minn. Stat. § 471.345, subdivision 1, then Grantee shall comply with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 471.345 for all procurement under this Agreement.

#### 5 Conditions of Payment

All services provided by Grantee under this agreement must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

#### 6 Authorized Representatives

6.1 The State's Authorized Representative is:

Marc Briese,  
Programs Engineer,  
MnDOT State Aid Office  
395 John Ireland Boulevard, MS 500  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
Office: 651-366-3802  
marc.briese@state.mn.us

or his/her successor. State's Authorized Representative has the responsibility to monitor Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this agreement. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

6.2 Grantee's Authorized Representative is:

Aitkin County Highway Department  
John Welle (or successor)  
Aitkin County Engineer  
1211 Air Park Drive  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Phone: 218-927-3741  
jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us.

If Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this agreement, Grantee will immediately notify the State.

7 **Assignment Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Agreement Complete**

- 7.1 **Assignment.** The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of the State and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.2 **Amendments.** Any amendments to this agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to subsequently enforce it.
- 7.4 **Grant Agreement Complete.** This grant agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and Grantee. No other understanding regarding this agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.
- 7.5 **Electronic Records and Signatures.** The parties agree to contract by electronic means. This includes using electronic signatures and converting original documents to electronic records.
- 7.6 **Certification.** By signing this Agreement, the Grantee certifies that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal or state awards.

8 **Liability**

Grantee and State agree that each will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law, and neither shall be responsible for the acts of the other party and the results thereof. The liability of State is governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. Sec. 3.736. If Grantee is a "municipality" as that term is used in Minn. Stat. Chapter 466, then the liability of Grantee is governed by the provisions of Chapter 466. Grantee's liability hereunder shall not be limited to the extent of insurance carried by or provided by Grantee, or subject to any exclusion from coverage in any insurance policy.

9 **State Audits**

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd.8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of Grantee, or other party relevant to this grant agreement or transaction, are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention

requirements, whichever is later. Grantee will take timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies identified by an audit.

## 10 Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property Rights

10.1 **Government Data Practices.** Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minn. Stat. Ch. 13](#), as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this agreement. The civil remedies of [Minn. Stat. §13.08](#) apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either Grantee or the State.

## 11 Workers Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

## 12 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## 13 Termination; Suspension

13.1 **Termination by the State.** The State may terminate this agreement with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

13.2 **Termination for Cause.** The State may immediately terminate this grant agreement if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this agreement, that reasonable progress has not been made, that fraudulent or wasteful activity has occurred, that Grantee has been convicted of a criminal offense relating to a state grant agreement, or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

13.3 **Termination for Insufficient Funding.** The State may immediately terminate this agreement if:

13.3.1 It does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature; or

13.3.2 If funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Grantee. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State will provide the Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

13.4 **Suspension.** The State may immediately suspend this agreement in the event of a total or partial government shutdown due to the failure to have an approved budget by the legal deadline. Work performed by the Grantee during a period of suspension will be deemed unauthorized and undertaken at risk of non-payment.

## 14 Data Disclosure

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.65](#), Subd. 3, and other applicable law, Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

15 **Fund Use Prohibited.** The Grantee will not utilize any funds received pursuant to this Agreement to compensate,



either directly or indirectly, any contractor, corporation, partnership, or business, however organized, which is disqualified or debarred from entering into or receiving a State contract. This restriction applies regardless of whether the disqualified or debarred party acts in the capacity of a general contractor, a subcontractor, or as an equipment or material supplier. This restriction does not prevent the Grantee from utilizing these funds to pay any party who might be disqualified or debarred after the Grantee's contract award on this Project.

**16 Discrimination Prohibited by Minnesota Statutes §181.59.** Grantee will comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §181.59 which requires that every contract for or on behalf of the State of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other district in the state, for materials, supplies or construction will contain provisions by which Contractor agrees: 1) That, in the hiring of common or skilled labor for the performance of any work under any contract, or any subcontract, no Contractor, material supplier or vendor, will, by reason of race, creed or color, discriminate against the person or persons who are citizens of the United States or resident aliens who are qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates; 2) That no Contractor, material supplier, or vendor, will, in any manner, discriminate against, or intimidate, or prevent the employment of any person or persons identified in clause 1 of this section, or on being hired, prevent or conspire to prevent, the person or persons from the performance of work under any contract on account of race, creed or color; 3) That a violation of this section is a misdemeanor; and 4) That this contract may be canceled or terminated by the state of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other person authorized to grant contracts for employment, and all money due, or to become due under the contract, may be forfeited for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this Agreement.

**17 Limitation.** Under this Agreement, the State is only responsible for receiving and disbursing funds. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to make the State a principal, co-principal, partner, or joint venturer with respect to the Project(s) covered herein. The State may provide technical advice and assistance as requested by the Grantee, however, the Grantee will remain responsible for providing direction to its contractors and consultants and for administering its contracts with such entities. The Grantee's consultants and contractors are not intended to be third party beneficiaries of this Agreement.

## **18 Additional Provisions**

**18.1 Prevailing Wages.** Grantee agrees to comply with all of the applicable provisions contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 177, and specifically those provisions contained in Minn. Stat. §. 177.41 through 177.435 as they may be amended or replaced from time to time with respect to the project. By agreeing to this provision, Grantee is not acknowledging or agreeing that the cited provisions apply to the project.

**18.2 E-Verification.** Grantee agrees and acknowledges that it is aware of Minn.Stat. § 16C.075 regarding e-verification of employment of all newly hired employees to confirm that such employees are legally entitled to work in the United States, and that it will, if and when applicable, fully comply with such order.

**18.3 Telecommunications Certification.** If federal funds are included in Exhibit A, by signing this agreement Grantee certifies that, consistent with Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. 115-232 (Aug. 13, 2018), Grantee does not and will not use any equipment, system, or service that uses "covered telecommunications equipment or services" (as that term is defined in Section 889 of the Act) as a substantial or essential component of any system or as critical technology as part of any system. Grantee will include this certification as a flow down clause in any contract related to this agreement.

**18.4 Title VI/Non-discrimination Assurances.** Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable US DOT Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances contained in DOT Order No. 1050.2A, and in particular Appendices A and E, which can be found at: [https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs\\_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=11149035](https://edocs-public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs_public/DMResultSet/download?docId=11149035). If federal funds are included in Exhibit A, Grantee will ensure the appendices and solicitation language within the assurances are inserted into contracts as required. State may conduct a review of the Grantee's compliance with this provision. The Grantee must cooperate with State throughout the review process by supplying all requested information and documentation to State, making Grantee staff and officials available for meetings as requested, and correcting any areas

of non-compliance as determined by State.

**18.5 Use, Maintenance, Repair and Alterations.** The Grantee shall not, without the written consent of the State and the Commissioner, (i) permit or allow the use of any of the property improved with these grants funds (the Real Property) for any purpose other than in conjunction with or for the operation of a county highway, county state-aid highway, town road, or city street or for other uses customarily associated therewith, such as trails and utility corridors, (ii) substantially alter any of the Real Property except such alterations as may be required by laws, ordinances or regulations, or such other alterations as may improve the Real Property by increasing its value or which improve its ability to be used for the purposes set forth in section (i), (iii) take any action which would unduly impair or depreciate the value of the Real Property, (iv) abandon the Real Property, or (v) commit or permit any act to be done in or on the Real Property in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation.

If the Grantee fails to maintain the Real Property in accordance with this Section, the State may perform whatever acts and expend whatever funds necessary to so maintain the Real Property, and the Grantee irrevocably authorizes the State to enter upon the Real Property to perform such acts as may be necessary to so maintain the Real Property. Any actions taken or funds expended by the State shall be at its sole discretion, and nothing contained herein shall require the State to take any action or incur any expense and the State shall not be responsible, or liable to the Grantee or any other entity, for any such acts that are performed in good faith and not in a negligent manner. Any funds expended by the State pursuant to this Section shall be due and payable on demand by the State and will bear interest from the date of payment by the State at a rate equal to the lesser of the maximum interest rate allowed by law or 18% per year based upon a 365-day year.

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**GRANTEE**

*The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant agreement on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

***Approval and Certifying Encumbrance***

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(with delegated authority)

Title: State Aid Programs Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

**SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS SCHEDULE**

<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>		<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Entity Supplying Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>State Funds:</b>		<b>Items Paid for with LBRP</b>	
LBRP MVLST Grant (Acct 329)	<u>\$147,679.85</u>	<b>MVLST Grant Funds:</b>	
Other:		Bridge Construction	\$147,679.85
		Roadway, curb and gutter, storm sewer	\$1,000,000.00
LRIP Grant (under grant agreement 1052737)	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>		\$
	\$		\$
			\$
Subtotal	<u>\$1,147,679.85</u>	Subtotal	<u>\$1,147,679.85</u>
<b>Public Entity Funds:</b>		<b>Items paid for with Non-</b>	
Matching Funds		<b>LBRP General Fund</b>	
Local Match		<b>Grant Funds:</b>	
Other:	\$879,720.89	Salvage Signs	<u>\$5,719.00</u>
		Roadway, curb and gutter, storm sewer	<u>\$2,913,296.25</u>
Federal Funds (STBG)	\$2,200,000.00	Bridge Construction	<u>\$160,705.64</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$3,079,720.89</u>	Subtotal	<u>\$3,079,720.89</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$4,227,400.75</u>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<u>\$4,227,400.75</u>

**EXHIBIT B**

GRANT APPLICATION

Attach the grant application for the project

**EXHIBIT C**

**GRANTEE RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION**  
**For Agreement to State Transportation Fund**  
**Local Bridge Replacement Program**  
**Grant Terms and Conditions**  
**SAP 001-611-003**  
*Date*

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 01J48; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$ 147,679.85 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Aitkin County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

**County Signatures**