

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7730

WHEREAS, the City of Beatrice, Nebraska (“City”) was awarded grant funding under the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) for a “Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity” (“RAISE”) Grant to fund the Court Street Access and Safety Transformation (“CAST”) Initiative (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Beatrice desire to approve the Grant Agreement for the Project.

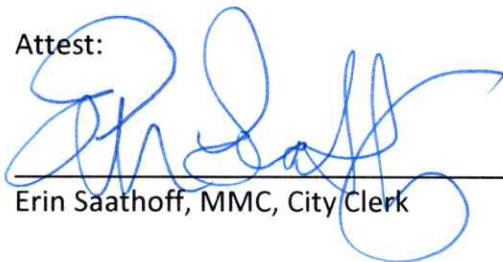
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEATRICE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Grant Agreement with USDOT, and any and all other documents necessary for USDOT to grant funds to the City for the purpose of funding the City’s CAST Initiative, and any and all other documents necessary to implement the CAST Initiative. A copy of the said Grant Agreement, marked as Exhibit “A”, is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Attest:


Erin Saathoff, MMC, City Clerk


Robert Morgan Mayor

Exhibit "A"

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**GRANT AGREEMENT UNDER THE
FISCAL YEAR 2024 RAISE PROGRAM**

This agreement is between the United States Department of Transportation (the "USDOT") and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (the "Recipient").

This agreement reflects the selection of the Recipient to receive a RAISE Grant for the Court Street Access and Safety Transformation (CAST) Initiative.

If schedule A to this agreement identifies a Designated Subrecipient, that Designated Subrecipient is also a party to this agreement, and the parties want the Designated Subrecipient to carry out the project with the Recipient's assistance and oversight.

The parties therefore agree to the following:

**ARTICLE 1
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

1.1 General Terms and Conditions.

- (a) In this agreement, "**General Terms and Conditions**" means the content of the document titled "General Terms and Conditions Under the Fiscal Year 2024 RAISE Program: FHWA Projects," dated November 4, 2025, which is available at <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/grant-agreements>. The General Terms and Conditions reference the information contained in the schedules to this agreement. The General Terms and Conditions are part of this agreement.
- (b) The Recipient states that it has knowledge of the General Terms and Conditions.
- (c) The Recipient acknowledges that the General Terms and Conditions impose obligations on the Recipient and that the Recipient's non-compliance with the General Terms and Conditions may result in remedial action, terminating of the RAISE Grant, disallowing costs incurred for the Project, requiring the Recipient to refund to the USDOT the RAISE Grant, and reporting the non-compliance in the Federal-government-wide integrity and performance system.

**ARTICLE 2
SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

There are no special terms for this award.

**SCHEDULE A
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

1. Application.

Application Title: Court Street Access and Safety Transformation (CAST) Initiative

Application Date: 2/27/2024

2. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier.

See section 28.3 of the General Terms and Conditions.

3. Recipient Contact(s).

Jenna Habegger
Nebraska Infrastructure Hub Planning Manager
Nebraska Department of Transportation
1400 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502
402-479-3607
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Dina Harris
Highway Program Specialist
Nebraska Department of Transportation
1400 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502
402-479-4434
Dina.harris@nebraska.gov

4. Recipient Key Personnel.

None.

5. USDOT Project Contact(s).

Alison Koch
Transportation Specialist
FHWA
100 Centennial Mall North Room 220, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
531-310-4497
alison.koch@dot.gov

6. Payment System.

USDOT Payment System: FMIS

7. Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization.

USDOT Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization: FHWA Division

8. Federal Award Identification Number.

See section 28.2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

9. Designated Subrecipient.

Designated Subrecipient: City of Beatrice

Designated Subrecipient Point of Contact:

Tobias Tempelmeyer
City Administrator
City of Beatrice
400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310
402-228-5200
ttempelmeyer@beatrice.ne.gov

SCHEDULE B PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. General Project Description.

This project includes the rerouting of Highway 136 one block south to Market Street. As a result, Court Street will be redeveloped as a pedestrian-focused corridor with improved seating, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, sidewalks and sidewalk lighting, amenity zone elements, wayfinding monuments, intersection treatments, and the addition of some public outdoor space. The project will include the use of permeable pavers, mid-block bump outs, rain-gardens, and tree plantings to increase shade cover.

2. Statement of Work.

Base Phase: Preliminary Engineering/Pre-NEPA

- Engineering Design
- Environmental studies and NEPA document preparation

Option Phase 1: Final Design

- Final design and construction documents

Option Phase 2: Right of Way

- Title Research
- Appraisal of ROW properties
- Negotiation and acquisition of ROW properties

Option Phase 3: Utilities

- Identification and location of utilities
- Relocation of utilities

Option Phase 4: Construction

- Roadway reconstruction, improved streetscaping, and multi-modal improvements. Work includes wayfinding.
- Court Street will be redeveloped as a pedestrian-focused corridor.

**SCHEDULE C
AWARD DATES AND PROJECT SCHEDULE**

1. Award Dates.

Budget Period End Date: 8/30/2033

Base Phase Budget Period End Date: 6/30/2028
Option Phase 1 Budget Period End Date: 9/15/2029
Option Phase 2 Budget Period End Date: 7/1/2029
Option Phase 3 Budget Period End Date: 7/1/2030
Option Phase 4 Budget Period End Date: 12/15/2031

Period of Performance End Date: See section 28.5 of the General Terms and Conditions

2. Estimated Project Schedule.

Milestone	Schedule Date
Planned Base Phase Completion Date:	6/30/2027
Planned Option Phase 1 Completion Date:	9/15/2028
Planned Option Phase 2 Completion Date:	7/1/2028
Planned Option Phase 3 Completion Date	7/1/2029
Planned Construction Substantial Completion and Open to Traffic Date:	12/15/2030

3. Special Milestone Deadlines.

None.

**SCHEDULE D
AWARD AND PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1. Award Amount.

RAISE Grant Amount: \$21,389,417

2. Federal Obligation Information.

Federal Obligation Type: Multiple

Obligation Condition Table		
Portion of the Project	Portion of the RAISE Grant	Obligation Condition
Base Phase: Preliminary Engineering/Pre- NEPA	\$1,167,102.36	
Option Phase 1: Final Design	\$666,178.24	Upon confirmation that all applicable Federal requirements have been met.
Option Phase 2: Right of Way	\$1,486,406.26	Upon confirmation that all applicable Federal requirements have been met.
Option Phase 3: Utilities	\$473,675.76	Upon confirmation that all applicable Federal requirements have been met.
Option Phase 4: Construction/Construction Engineering	\$17,596,054.38	Upon confirmation that all applicable Federal requirements have been met.

3. Approved Project Budget.

Eligible Project Costs

	Base Phase	Option Phase 1	Option Phase 2	Option Phase 3	Option Phase 4	Total
RAISE Funds:	\$1,167,102.36	666,178.24	\$1,486,406.26	\$473,675.76	\$17,596,054.38	\$21,389,417
Other Federal Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Federal Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$1,167,102.36	666,178.24	\$1,486,406.26	\$473,675.76	\$17,596,054.38	\$21,389,417

4. Cost Classification Table

Reserved.

5. Approved Pre-award Costs

None. The USDOT has not approved under this award any costs incurred under an advanced construction authorization (23 U.S.C. 115), any costs incurred prior to authorization (23 CFR 1.9(b)), or any pre-award costs under 2 CFR 200.458.

**SCHEDULE E
CHANGES FROM APPLICATION**

Scope: No changes.

Schedule: Planned Construction Substantial Completion and Open to Traffic and Budget period of performance have been updated to match project delivery schedule and construction schedule. The amended completion date factors in the updated execution date, contract timeline, and all necessary coordination and reviews that were not included as the basis for the completion date calculation at the time of the original application. The Recipient anticipates fund obligation of phase 3 and phase 4 to occur prior to the FY 2024 RAISE funds cancellation date of September 30, 2028.

The table below compares the Project milestone dates.

Milestone	Application	Schedule C
Planned Base Phase Completion Date:	6/30/2026	6/30/2027
Planned Option Phase 1 Completion Date:	9/15/2027	9/15/2028
Planned Option 2 Completion Date	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
Planned Option Phase 3 Completion Date	7/1/2028	7/1/2029
Planned Construction Substantial Completion and Open to Traffic Date:	12/15/2029	12/15/2030

Budget: No changes.

Other: N/A

**SCHEDULE F
RAISE PROGRAM DESIGNATIONS**

1. Urban or Rural Designation.

Urban-Rural Designation: Rural

2. Capital or Planning Designation.

Capital-Planning Designation: Capital

3. Historically Disadvantaged Community/Area of Persistent Poverty Designation.

HDC/APP Designation: Yes

4. Funding Act.

Funding Act: IJJA

5. Security Risk Designation.

Security Risk Designation: Low

**SCHEDULE G
RAISE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT INFORMATION**

Study Area: Downtown Area – Court Street and Market Street from 2nd Street to 9th Street.

Baseline Measurement Date: 7/15/2028

Baseline Report Date: 9/15/2028

Table 1: Performance Measure Table

Performance Measure	Unit Reported
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Total Carbon Dioxide Emissions (Metric Tons) per Year
Severe Crashes	Total Severe Crashes per Year

**SCHEDULE H
LABOR AND WORK**

1. Efforts to Support Good-Paying Jobs and Strong Labor Standards

The Recipient states that rows marked with “X” in the following table are accurate:

	The Recipient or a project partner promotes robust job creation by supporting good-paying jobs directly related to the project with free and fair choice to join a union. <i>(Describe robust job creation and identify the good-paying jobs in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
X	The Recipient or a project partner will invest in high-quality workforce training programs such as registered apprenticeship programs to recruit, train, and retain skilled workers, and implement policies such as targeted hiring preferences. <i>(Describe the training programs in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner will partner with high-quality workforce development programs with supportive services to help train, place, and retain workers in good-paying jobs or registered apprenticeships including through the use of local and economic hiring preferences, linkage agreements with workforce programs, and proactive plans to prevent harassment. <i>(Describe the supportive services provided to trainees and employees, preferences, and policies in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner will partner and engage with local unions or other worker-based organizations in the development and lifecycle of the project, including through evidence of project labor agreements and/or community benefit agreements. <i>(Describe the partnership or engagement with unions and/or other worker-based organizations and agreements in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner will partner with communities or community groups to develop workforce strategies. <i>(Describe the partnership and workforce strategies in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has taken other actions related to the Project to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporate strong labor standards. <i>(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has not yet taken actions related to the Project to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporate strong labor standards but, before beginning construction of the Project, will take relevant actions described in schedule B. <i>(Identify the relevant actions from schedule B in the supporting narrative below.)</i>

	The Recipient or a project partner has not taken actions related to the Project to improve good-paying jobs and strong labor standards and will not take those actions under this award.
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2. **Supporting Narrative.**

The Recipient or a project partner will invest in high-quality workforce training programs such as registered apprenticeship programs to recruit, train, and retain skilled workers, and implement policies such as targeted hiring preferences.

The City of Beatrice, in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), is investing in high-quality workforce training programs and policies to recruit, train, and retain skilled workers on this project.

The City and NDOT implement an On-The-Job Training (OJT) Program, to expand employment opportunities, in the construction trades. Contractors on the project are required to participate in an NDOT--approved OJT program, which provides structured, hands-on training with defined pathways to journey-level status in skilled trades. Acceptable programs include federally registered apprenticeship programs and other training programs recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor or state apprenticeship agencies, ensuring participants receive high-quality, industry-standard training aligned with equal employment obligations.

In addition, the City enforces Nebraska's Fair Labor Standards (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-102 and 73-104), requiring contractors to maintain fair wages and working conditions at levels consistent with prevailing industry standards. While Nebraska is a right-to-work state, workers also have the option to join the Nebraska Association of Public Employees (NAPE) for representation and support.

These programs and policies demonstrate Beatrice's commitment to building a skilled workforce through investment in proven training programs and fair hiring practices.

RECIPIENT SIGNATURE PAGE

The Recipient, intending to be legally bound, is signing this agreement on the date stated opposite that party's signature.

Nebraska Department of Transportation

2/18/2026 By: 
Date Signature of Recipient's Authorized Representative

Khalil Jaber

Name

Deputy Director of Engineering


Title

DESIGNATED SUBRECIPIENT SIGNATURE PAGE

The Designated Subrecipient, intending to be legally bound, is signing this agreement on the date stated opposite that party's signature.

City of Beatrice

2-17-26
Date

By: 
Signature of Designated Subrecipient's Authorized Representative

Bob Morgan
Name

Mayor
Title

USDOT SIGNATURE PAGE

The USDOT, intending to be legally bound, is signing this agreement on the date stated opposite that party's signature.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

February 23, 2026

Date

By:

JAMES R SIMERL

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Signature of USDOT's Authorized Representative

James Simerl

Name

FHWA Nebraska Division Administrator

Title