



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #17-1206-418

Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the FY 2017-18 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (TTPSF) Program for the purpose of funding a Pedestrian Underpass along US-31 near the M-22 Intersection

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has adopted a Transportation Safety Plan in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Transportation Safety Plan, a Road Safety Audit of the US-31 & M-22 intersection was conducted in 2015; and

WHEREAS, a major safety concern identified in both the Transportation Safety Plan and the Road Safety Audit was the lack of a designated pedestrian facility at the US-31 & M-22 intersection, allowing pedestrians to safely cross US-31; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has communicated to the Tribe that they would be supportive of the construction of an underground pedestrian walkway under US-31; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema agree that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to construct this pedestrian underpass; and

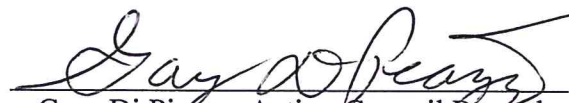
WHEREAS, funding for this pedestrian underpass is available through the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (TTPSF) program as an “eligible safety project.”

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the grant application to the FY 2017/FY 2018 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (TTPSF) program for funding to pay for a pedestrian underpass along US-31 near the intersection with M-22.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, by this resolution, also authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the application in accordance with the requirements of the funding agency.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 6, 2017, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Gary Di Piazza, Acting Council Recorder


Sandra Lewis, Acting Council Speaker

Attest:

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