

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Application for Local Bridge Program Funds for fiscal year 2011.

**Manager' Recommendation:**

I recommend that the City of Saginaw actively seek Local Bridge Program Funds for the rehabilitation of the Norman Street Bridge over Veterans Memorial Parkway. The application is for \$803,000.00, of which the City's share of the cost is estimated to be \$40,150.00. Funds for the City's share will be made available in fiscal year 2011/12 Major Streets Construction Projects Fund Account No. 202-4616-781-8047. The City of Saginaw will be responsible for design and construction engineering costs.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requires as part of the application process, that a resolution be adopted by City Council indicating that the application has been reviewed and that the City is actively seeking these funds for the rehabilitation of Norman Street Bridge over Veterans Memorial Parkway. This resolution appears under the regular order of business.

**Justification:**

The Norman Street Bridge over Veterans Memorial Parkway was constructed in 1971 and is now in need of repair. The Engineering Division of the Public Services Department advises that the concrete bridge deck and railing is in need of replacement and the steel members are in need of repainting. These repairs are typical for a bridge of this age and are necessary to avoid additional deterioration of the structure. The Local Bridge Program was enacted in 2004 and is the federal legislation that provides funds for bridges. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has called for project applications

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from eligible communities who wish to participate in this program. The applications have to meet certain criteria and because of fund limitations, the applications are evaluated by MDOT and ranked against these criteria. As a project of this magnitude does require substantial lead time to start of work, it is recommended that staff be directed to submit an application for funding no later than June 2, 2008, in order to qualify for consideration in the State's fiscal year 2011 funding program.

## **Council Action**

Council \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.