

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Application for Local Bridge Program Funds for fiscal year 2012.

Manager' Recommendation:

I recommend that the City of Saginaw actively seek Local Bridge Program Funds for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of the Norman Street Bridge over Veterans Memorial Parkway and for scour corrective action and preventative maintenance as needed for the Court Street, Genesee Avenue, Holland Avenue and Center Street Bridges over the Saginaw River. The application amount for each bridge will vary and will be based on the needs of each individual bridge. If approved, funds for the City's share will be made available in FY 2012/13 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 projects as stated above. This resolution appears under the regular order of business.

Justification:

Per the MDOT Local Bridge Program Guidelines, the total number of applications from any local agency is limited to five (5). The preventative maintenance, structure rehabilitation and replacement, and approach costs may be eligible for a maximum of 95 percent participation from federal and/or state funds. The right-of-way, design engineering and construction engineering costs are not eligible for Local Bridge Program funds. Per the

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City of Saginaw's most recent bi-annual bridge inspection reports, it is apparent that all of the City of Saginaw's six (6) vehicular bridges are in need of preventative maintenance and some need scour corrective action. The Norman Street Bridge over Veterans Memorial Parkway was constructed in 1971 and has deteriorated to a point where it now needs rehabilitation or reconstruction. The remainder of the bridges are in need of preventative maintenance to avoid needing premature reconstruction. The Local Bridge Program was enacted in 2004 and is the federal legislation that provides funds for bridges. The MDOT has called for project applications 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 projects of this magnitude 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 1, 2009, in order to qualify for consideration in the State's fiscal year 2012 funding program.

Council Action

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.