

Public Hearing: September 12, 2011

## **F A C T   S H E E T**

**TITLE:** Resolution for the City of Lincoln to apply for Transportation Enhancement funds for the Sheridan Street Bridges.

**SPONSOR:** Public Works & Utilities

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**  
None

**OPPONENTS:** None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**APPLICANT:** Public Works & Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:** To authorize Public Works and Utilities to apply for Transportation Enhancement funding for the reconstruction of the Sheridan Street bridges near S. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

## **D I S C U S S I O N**

The existing Sheridan bridges are currently in need of replacement. Both bridges exhibit deterioration in the girders and the concrete. In 2009 the eastbound bridge was posted with load restrictions. Also, with the bridges being near a designated historic district Public Works feels that replacement of the bridges should be done in such a manner to mimic the visual effect the current bridges lend to the neighborhood. Because of this unique circumstance Public Works is applying for Transportation Enhancement funds for this bridge replacement project. The deadline for submitting an application for Transportation Enhancement funding is September 23, 2011. The Transportation Enhancement selection committee will be meeting on December 8, 2011 to select projects which will receive funding. If the City of Lincoln receives approval for Transportation Enhancement funds for the Sheridan Bridge project the City will be required to fund, at a minimum, 20% of the overall project cost. The maximum amount of Transportation Enhancement funds any project may receive is \$1,000,000.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** No

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** \$1,876,319

**SOURCE OF FUNDS :**

**CITY:** \$876,319 (Road and Bridge Rehab)

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS:** \$1,000,000

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