Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
CC: Members of Administration and Public Works Committee
From: Sat Nagar, Senior Project Manager
CC: David Stoneback, Public Works Agency Director, Lara Biggs, City Engineer

Subject: Resolution 18-R-20, Authorizing the City Manager to Commit Matching Funds for Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Howard Street Resurfacing and other Capital Improvements Projects and to Sign Amendments to the Project Scope

Date: February 24, 2020

Recommended Action:
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 18-R-20, Authorizing the City Manager to Commit Matching Funds for Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Howard Street Resurfacing and other Capital Improvements Projects and to Sign Amendments to the Project Scope

Funding Source:
Funding will be provided as follows: $898,000 in 2020 General Obligation Bond funds; $1,691,384 in 2021 General Obligation Bond funds; $1,518,487 from the Water Fund; $535,275 from the Sewer Fund; $6,556,874 in federal Surface Transportation Program grant funds; and $250,000 from the City of Chicago transferred directly to the City of Evanston.

Council Action:
For Action

Summary:
Howard Street is a major arterial street running east-west with the City of Evanston on the north side and the City of Chicago on the south side. Both Evanston and Chicago have jurisdiction on Howard Street, with Evanston owning the northernmost 60% of the right-of-way. The Howard Street corridor is adjacent to commercial and residential areas and has considerable pedestrian, bike, bus and vehicular traffic. This project includes the following scope of work:

1. Reconstruction / Resurfacing of Howard Street
2. On-street bike lane from Ridge to Asbury and shared bike route from Asbury to Target Access Drive
3. Traffic signal modernization at the following intersections:
   - Howard Street & Custer Avenue
   - Howard Street & Dodge Avenue
   - Traffic signal upgrade at Asbury & Ridge (pedestrian push buttons including phasing changes)
4. Street light upgrade for the entire project length (Target Access Drive to Callan Avenue)
5. Fiber optic cable installation and security improvements along the Howard Street Corridor
6. Streetscape improvements & upgrade along the corridor
7. Pedestrian crossing bump-outs along the corridor
8. Water main improvements on Howard Street, Asbury to Ridge & Target Access Drive to Dodge
9. Sewer improvements throughout project area

The project is scheduled for an IDOT letting in March 2020, and construction is expected to start in first week of July 2020.

Analysis:
This project is receiving federal funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP); therefore, IDOT is responsible to advertise the bid and manage the construction project. In order for this to occur, the City has to execute the Local Agency Resolution with funding commitments for local funding match. In addition, the City of Evanston and the City of Chicago have partnered on this project so that the entire width of Howard Street can be improved in a consistent manner. However, the City of Evanston is the lead agency, and is responsible for administering the construction and engineering for the project. City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of Chicago and the executed IGA has been submitted to IDOT.

On 11/25/19, the City Council approved a similar resolution 119-R-19. However, IDOT has requested specific language be utilized regarding the commitment of City funds. Resolution 18-R-20 contains the specific language requested by IDOT.

Legislative History:
On 3/13/17, the City Council approved award of the Phase I Engineering contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering.
On 8/13/18, the City Council approved award of the Phase II Engineering contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering.
On 11/25/2019, the City Council approved the Local Public Agency Funding Agreement & IGA with City of Chicago
On 01/13/2020, the City Council approved the Construction Engineering Services contract with IDOT and Christopher Burke Engineering

Attachments:
Resolution 18 -R-20
18-R-20

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Manager to Commit Matching Funds for Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Howard Street Resurfacing and other Capital Improvements Projects and to Sign Amendments to the Project Scope

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston City Council previously approved Resolution 119-R-19 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation and an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chicago to fund and complete improvements on Howard Street between Dodge Avenue/California and Custer Avenue/Damen Avenue that include: roadway resurfacing, curb and gutter removal and replacement, traffic signal improvements, and streetscape improvements including lighting, pavers, and landscaping, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago, and the City of Evanston seek to expand the scope of the Project to improve Howard Street between Sacramento Avenue and Callan Avenue / Winchester Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Project is identified as IDOT State Section Number: 17-00281-00-RS, State Job Number: C-91-188-18, and Federal Project Number: CJ5G(950); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project has necessitated the use of federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the federal fund source requires a match of funds by the City of Evanston; and
WHEREAS, Resolution 119-R-19 omitted authorization for the City Manager to commit matching funds for the completion of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: The City Manager is authorized to allocate four million eight hundred ninety three thousand one hundred twenty-six dollars ($4,893,126.00), or as much may be needed to match federal funds in the completion of the Project.

SECTION 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate any amendments to the agreements approved in 119-R-19 as she may determine to be in the best interests of the City, including any agreement documenting the expanded scope of the Project.

SECTION 3: The Clerk is hereby directed to transmit five certified copies of this resolution to the Illinois Department of Transportation through the Division of Transportation.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

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Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest: ________________________________
Devon Reid, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney

Adopted: ____________________________ , 2019