

AGENDA # K.2
Scio Township Board of Trustees
Zeeb Road Pathway Update and Reassignment of Funds

FOR MEETING DATE OF: January 23, 2024

PREPARED ON: 1/17/24

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SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Pathways

ITEM TYPE: Possible Action

SUGGESTED ACTION: The Scio PPP Committee and PPP Director are requesting the Scio Township Board of Trustees approve the use of MEDC Grants that Scio has been awarded for the Zeeb Road Pathway Phase VI on another portion of the same project, the north segment referred to as Phase V.

BACKGROUND:

Background: Scio Township received \$1.5M in funding in an FY22 Michigan Enhancement Grant for the Zeeb Road Pathway project. The grant consisted of two \$750K earmarks for two segments of the Zeeb Road Pathway. Scio has already spent the \$750K that was assigned to Phases IV/V on the construction of Phase IV. We would like to redirect the remainder of the other \$750K from phase VI towards phase V, the next segment to be constructed.

The reason for this request is that \$750K of the grant funds were identified for the Phase VI segment of the Zeeb Road Pathway that includes the I-94 overpass. The Township's engineering consultants (OHM) presented a feasibility study to MDOT in order to gain the necessary approval for the proposed physical changes to the bridge. We learned that MDOT will *not* approve the pedestrian improvements we had hoped to add to the overpass bridge. Therefore we cannot use the majority of the MEDC funds as had been originally intended. The preliminary engineering costs of \$48,157.75 leave \$701,842.25 of the Michigan Enhancement Grant unexpended.

We propose to move the unexpended money from the overpass part of the project to the northernmost, river-crossing segment (Phase V). Zeeb Road Pathway Phase V is likely to be the most complicated and expensive segment. It includes the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge spanning the Huron River and an ascent up the north bank to connect with the Border-to-Border Trail.

A preliminary cost estimate for the Zeeb V Pathway including the entire project from where the path currently ends to the connection to the B2B (approximately 600' south of Peters Road to 400' south of

Huron River Drive). The total cost moving forward after OHM's preliminary scope is complete will cost between \$3.25-\$3.5M. Hopefully less if OHM can find some savings during detailed design.

OHM's estimated breakdown of those costs by FY:

FY 23-24 – \$150,000 + Remaining Preliminary engineering (under contract)

FY 24-25 - \$450,000

FY 25-26 - \$2,600,000

FY 26-27 - \$300,000

TOTAL = \$3,500,000

Summary of Potential funding sources for Zeeb Pathway Phase V:

\$2.5M PPP "budget" (This PM GAP figure includes fund balance + deferred revenue- the MEDC grants).

\$930,044 FY 24-25 Millage

\$953,295 FY 25-26 Millage

\$977,127 FY 26-27 Millage

\$5,360,466 TOTAL

MEDC Approval:

Our MEDC grant coordinator has assured us that Section 1096(5) only states that the MEDC funding we received needs to go to the Zeeb Rd Pathway Project. The phase the funding goes towards is irrelevant to them as long as we use the funds 1096(5) for the pathway project.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approval of this motion will allow Scio Township to use \$701,842.25 in MEDC grant funds

RECOMMENDATION: The Scio PPP Committee motion of 9/13/23 requesting that the Scio Township Board of Trustees approve a resolution that will allow the MEDC Grants that Scio has received for both Phases V and VI of the Zeeb Road Pathway project to be used on either phase depending on the financial need for each phase of the project. The Director of Parks, Preserves & Pathways recommends approval of the model motion.

MODEL MOTION: To authorize the use of \$701,842.25 of MEDC Michigan Enhancement Grant funds originally intended for Zeeb Road Pathway Phase VI to instead pay for engineering and construction costs associated with Zeeb Road Pathway Phase V.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Zeeb_Road_Pathway_MEDC_Grants_Motion.pdf](#)

[PPP Meeting Minutes_Motion Approved.pdf](#)

[Zeeb MEDC Case-345027 Scio Township - Fully Executed.pdf](#)

[Zeeb Rd Schematic](#)

[Zeeb_6_Non-motorized_Path_Report_6-15-23.pdf](#)

[Zeeb_5_Non-motorized Path Report Final 10-6-23 \(1\).pdf](#)

QUESTION: Shall this Motion be APPROVED?