



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 21-03-10-25**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUIRED MATCH FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly elected legislative body for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 3(d), the Band Assembly has the authority to adopt resolutions; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 1(m), a “resolution” is defined as “a formal expression of the opinion, will, or intention” of the Band Assembly; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § (f), the Band Assembly has the authority to ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and
- WHEREAS, the Band’s Department of Community Development is eligible for state and federal funding; and
- WHEREAS, Band Assembly recognizes the importance of improving safety in the Band communities by ensuring opportunities to make pedestrian walkways safer for adults, children, and those with disabilities along Highway 65 within the District 2 reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly recognizes that the Band is required to commit cost-sharing monies or in-kind resources to receive federal funding for \$800,000.00, of which \$160,000.00 (20 percent) is the needed match; and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of the right of way or the property ownership acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has determined that for projects implemented with transportation alternative funds, this requirement should be applied to the project proposer.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly does hereby authorize and approve the Executive Branch's submission of an application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation: FY 2024/25 Carbon Reduction Program for the purpose of obtaining Fiscal Year 2028 grant funding; and that the Band agrees to act as sponsoring agency for the Highway 65 Trail Project. Sponsorship includes the willingness to secure and guarantee local share costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing the project through to completion, with compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations; the sponsoring agency hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned transportation alternatives project.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 5th day of March, 2025 at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of \_\_\_ FOR, \_\_\_ AGAINST, \_\_\_ SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of Assembly

**Sponsor: District II Representative**