



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**JOINT RESOLUTION 16-04-24-16**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE  
MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE'S DISTRICT I SAFE ROUTES TO  
SCHOOL SIDEWALK PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly ("Band Assembly") is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ("Band"), a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2 (d), the Band Assembly has the power to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 2, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive have established as a priority the improvement of the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and economic well-being of the people of the Mille Lacs Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive fully support the priorities presented in the 2015-2018 Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan and ensure that the top priorities will be addressed within phases as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize the need to improve safety in the Bands community's by ensuring opportunities to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children, including those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize that the Band is required to commit cost sharing monies or in-kind resources in order to remain a highly qualified applicant in the amount of not more than \$60,000.00 which is 20% of the total program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby authorize and approve the submission of an application to the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's District I Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project.

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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 at Chi Minising, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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

  
Carolyn Beauheu, Speaker of Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, I hereunto set my hand to this resolution.

  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**

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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Band Assembly  
FROM: Brittany Wind, Grant Assistant  
SUBJECT: Joint Resolution  
DATE: 1/6/2016

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Attached is a proposed resolution for Band Assembly's consideration.

If approved, the resolution will support Community Development's application to the Transportation Alternatives Program, for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's District 1 Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project. We are going to include a 20% match of \$60,000 with our current BIA Tribal Transportation Funds (IRR funds).

The grant application will provide funds for a sidewalk project that coincides with our approved Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

Community Development conducted community meetings which included a community survey that had each district identify their road safety needs.

District 1: Sidewalks along Oodena Dr and Virgo Rd near the community center and government center  
District 2A: Improve the 90 degree curve connecting Chiminsing Drive to Moose Drive  
District 2: Pedestrian routes along Highway 65 to the school and community center  
District 3: No pedestrian safety issues were identified

The other issues identified will be addressed in future phases of improvement as funding becomes available.

Funding Agency: Transportation Alternatives Program

Grant Name: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's District 1 Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project

Funding Proposal: \$300,000

Cost Share/Match: Match of 20% - \$60,000

If Band Assembly has questions, please contact Commissioner of Community Development Percy Benjamin and/or Director of Projects and Planning Mike Moilanen.

Thank you.

*Brittany Wind*