

RESOLUTION No. 15 (2021)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN PURSUING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR RTA PLANNING AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF A 5304 FTA PLANNING GRANT PROVIDED THROUGH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Craig would pursue the submission of a 5304 FTA Planning Grant in July of 2021 in collaboration with the City of Steamboat Springs, Routt County, and with match funding support from the Steamboat Springs Resort Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the City would focus the grant application on a transportation planning project totaling approximately \$50,000 in order to determine Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) mode options, which include some of the following; roadway expansion, bike and pedestrian, trails, vanpool, shared rides, bus, rail, and commuter rail within the Yampa Valley; and

WHEREAS, the objective is develop a comprehensive project that ultimately examines RTA operations, mode costs, partnerships, community engagement, while building a plan to establish a firm legal relationship that thoroughly evaluates and polls perspective residents and voters.

WHEREAS, the City is working to diversify our economic base by studying and developing housing options and defining transportation modes that will meet the needs of our residents, workers, businesses, schools and industry; and

WHEREAS, offering appropriate transportation modes will further attract visitors, new enterprises and companies, and establish opportunities for recreational enthusiasts, retirees and those looking to relocate to Craig;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council agrees to authorize City Staff to work with our Yampa Valley partners on transportation planning within the Yampa Valley, ultimately for the establishment of a Regional Transportation Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Craig, Colorado that we find it valuable to pursue a comprehensive planning process in order to better define and understand our resident's transportation needs and their position on the establishment of an RTA for Craig and the Yampa Valley;

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Craig, Colorado, on June 22nd, 2021.

Jarrod Ogden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Duran, Deputy City Clerk

