

RESOLUTION 25-002

Authorizing the Submission of a USDOT “RAISE” Grant for the Improvement of the Payne Road Corridor

WHEREAS, The Town of Scarborough has identified the Payne Road Corridor, from Turnpike Exit 42 to Gorham Road as a priority for improvement. This road section is a two-lane, congested, over-burdened roadway with no bike or pedestrian accommodations and an undersized bridge over the Nonesuch River. In recognizing these deficiencies, the Town has created a Traffic Impact Fee to address these concerns. It is recognized that impact fee will likely not generate sufficient revenue to cover project costs before the improvement is necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Downs Project is in a Designated Growth Zone and is expected to continue to build out as originally contemplated. The proximity of the project relies on the Payne Road Corridor to support ongoing development at The Downs and other projects along the corridor and the Town desires to support the ongoing development in the Town and region; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Scarborough and M&R Holdings, the developer of the Downs, (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) share mutual interests in addressing the Payne Road Corridor sooner than later and have partnered to apply for federal funding to make necessary roadway and intersection improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the grant funding will serve to provide corridor improvement to transform it to a modern, four-lane multi-modal street with bike lanes, a multi-use path for pedestrians, accommodations for transit expansion, and a new bridge with a surface width to safely accommodate these modes of travel and design that is resilient to current and future flooding of the Nonesuch River, and is conducive to wildlife passage, connectivity as well as public recreation.

WHEREAS, in addition to advancing multi-modal transportation, this \$22.5M grant is critical to substantial new economic development and housing creation.

WHEREAS, the Parties intend to submit an application for \$22.5M in federal funding under the USDOT “RAISE” Grant Program to cover 80% of the project costs. The RAISE Grant requires a 20% local match of approximately \$4M, the direct source of such local match has not been determined by the Parties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in the interest of submitting a grant application in this funding round, with a due date of January 31, 2025, that the Town Manager is authorized to submit the grant application with the understanding that upon successful award of the grant, the Town Council must take subsequent action to accept the grant which will require all financial commitments to be understood and agreed on.

Signed and sealed this the 22nd day of January, 2025, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by:

/s/ April V. Sither
Council Chair

Attested by:

/s/ Kristen M. Barth
Town Clerk