

**City of Ponderay**

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May 13, 2020

Honorable Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Subject: Lakeshore Connection Project - Build Grant Match Commitment**

Secretary Chao,

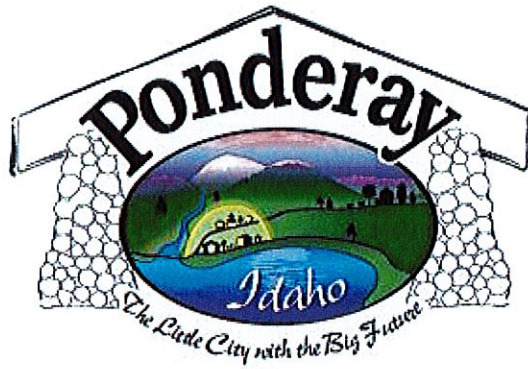
Thank you for your efforts to improve rural communities like ours across the nation. At the May 4th, 2020 meeting of the Ponderay City Council, the Council voted unanimously in support of committing \$350,000 toward matching funds for the 2020 Build Program – The Lakeshore Connection Project.

This is a transformative transportation project for our city and our region that Ponderay City Council has worked towards for many years. The City is committed to both the financial match and administrative support necessary for successful project delivery. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Geiger".

Steve Geiger - Mayor



## RESOLUTION 2020-5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PONDERAY, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, REGARDING THE CITY COMMITMENT TO APPLY FOR A BUILD ACT TRANSPORTATION GRANT AND PROVIDE FOR MATCHING FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ponderay has applied for BUILD ACT transportation funding the prior two years and is hereby intending to apply for a Build Planning Grant for the Lakeshore Connection Project in the 2020 grant cycle;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ponderay has collaborated with agency and nonprofit partners including ITD, LHTAC, BNSF Railroad, IDEQ, Montana Rail Link and the friends of the POB Trail toward the continuing betterment of the community along Lake Pend Oreille and the Highway 200 corridor;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ponderay will be the eligible sponsoring agency, should the funding be successful, and the Sponsor will enter into an agreement with LHTAC to administer the project;

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the City of Ponderay voters supported the collection of a 1% local optional sales tax for two projects, one of which; is for the provision of improved public access to the Pend Oreille lakeshore and the POB Trail;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ponderay contribution of a meaningful local contribution of matching funds of 20% will increase local project ownership and grant competitiveness,

**WHEREAS**, the available project cost may range from \$1.4 to \$1.75 million resulting in a City of Ponderay matching range between \$280,000 to \$350,000;

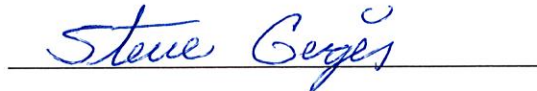
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PONDERAY, IDAHO THAT:** the City of Ponderay is committing support to the 2020 BUILD Grant application and matching funds up \$350,000.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

ATTEST:



Su Warren, City Clerk/Treasurer



Steve Geiger, Mayor