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LOCAL BRIDGE ADVISORY BOARD SELECTS SOUTH HAVEN TO RECEIVE LOCAL BRIDGE FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF DYCKMAN AVENUE BASCULE BRIDGE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) The Local Bridge Advisory Board has agreed to provide funding to the City of South Haven for use in rehabilitation of the Dyckman Avenue Bascule Bridge. The award provides an estimated \$1,311,000 of grant funding to be utilized during Michigan's 2014 fiscal year which begins on October 1, 2013.

The Local Bridge Program is a state program enacted by legislation in 2004. It provides funding to local agencies throughout Michigan for preventative maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of local bridges on routes that are not operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation; however, selection of projects is the responsibility of seven Regional Bridge Councils and the Local Bridge Advisory Board. The Local Bridge Program provides federal and state funding for 95 percent of eligible construction costs. The City is required to provide a 5 percent match and to fund all design and construction engineering.

Together with a Small Urban Program grant, the City has secured a total of \$1,686,000 in grant funding for use in rehabilitation of the Dyckman Avenue Bascule Bridge. The engineering department estimates that approximately \$2,000,000 of rehabilitation work needs to be performed to improve the existing condition of the bridge. The proposed work will replace the original hydraulic and electric systems that have exceeded their design life span. This work is necessary to ensure that the movable bridge leaves continue to operate in a satisfactory manner into the future. In addition, concrete and steel bridge decks will be rehabilitated to improve ride quality and sidewalks will be repaired to ensure safety for pedestrians.

Construction on the improvements will likely begin during the seasonal navigation shutdown during the winter of 2013-14. If necessary, some work may need to be completed during the following seasonal navigation shutdown.

Questions regarding this project may be directed to Larry Halberstadt, PE, City Engineer at (269)637-0770 or lhalberstadt@south-haven.com.