

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 -046

TITLE: APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL CMAQ FUNDS

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO CONSTRUCT THE SR59 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has set aside monies for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects through the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT) and administered by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS); and

WHEREAS, Local Public Agencies (LPAs) can apply for these monies and be selected for funding by the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC), who has been charged with the management of a statewide CMAQ program by ODOT; and

WHEREAS, the construction of bicycle/pedestrian used for transportation and transit service upgrades is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal CMAQ funding; and

WHEREAS, if requested funds are granted, the City of Kent, Ohio shall be responsible for at least twenty (20%) percent of the eligible costs.

WHEREAS, the SR 59 Alternative Transportation Improvement project is needed to provide safe, comfortable access for residents of all abilities that rely on non-vehicular transportation and reduce vehicle trips for travelers that do not feel comfortable/safe traveling this corridor outside of their vehicle; and

WHEREAS, this work will be accomplished by reducing vehicle lane widths that include relocating curbs and resurfacing the pavement to improve safety and provide improved alternative transportation facilities to the City and Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, SR 59 is in need of facilities that facilitate, promote and improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) for the following Bicycle/Pedestrian/Transit Service Project:

- (1) the SR 59 Alternative Transportation Improvement project - extending and connecting sidewalks, constructing a side path, median refuge islands and transit stops with shelters; SR 59 from Horning Road to SR 261; and the City will request \$3,112,000 in CMAQ funds for the construction of this project, which is estimated at \$4,480,000.

SECTION 2. That the City acknowledges and understands the AMATS 2017 CMAQ Guidance and confirms to the best of its knowledge that the information contained in the project application is accurate, that it intends to diligently pursue that project, and that a local share is required to match federal funds.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: July 19, 2023
Date

EFFECTIVE: July 19, 2023
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens, CMC
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
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Mayor and President of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. 2023-046, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON July 19, 2023.

Amy Wilkens
AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL
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