

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 92**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT THREE (3) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$16,850,000.00 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE EAST MAIN STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the first application submitted to AMATS and ODOT is the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Funding (CM/AQ). These funds are to reduce congestion and thereby improve air quality in the region. They fund transportation, transit and bike and pedestrian improvements that would reduce congestion. This program receives applications once every two (2) years. The City is requesting \$6,000,000.00 for construction of the project East Main Street Area Improvements. This funding would be available for use in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the second application submitted to ODOT is the Highway Safety Program (HSP) Funding. These funds are to reduce all types of crashes, (ie vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian). This program receives applications twice a year, however it requires a significant Safety Study that has been completed as part of the planning phase of the project that was funded by the City and Kent State University. The City is requesting \$7,250,000.00 for the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of the project. This funding would be available for use in 2020 and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the third application submitted to AMATS is the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funding. These funds are for general transportation improvements. It predominantly funds vehicular oriented projects, but they can include bike and pedestrian improvements as well. This program receives applications once every two (2) years. The City is requesting \$3,600,000.00 for construction of the project. This funding would be available for use in 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council approves submission of the City's pre-application requests for AMATS and ODOT grant funding totaling \$16,850,000.00 and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

**SECTION 2.** That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant(s), if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

**SECTION 3.** That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the AMATS and ODOT grant program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

**SECTION 4.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 5.** That this ordinance 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 ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: August 21, 2019  
Date

EFFECTIVE: August 21, 2019  
Date

ATTEST: Dawn Bishop  
Dawn Bishop  
Interim Clerk of Council

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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

I, DAWN BISHOP, INTERIM 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 *ORDINANCE* No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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DAWN BISHOP  
INTERIM CLERK OF COUNCIL