

RESOLUTION NO. 038-18R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) FOR THE HEALTHY HAYES CORRIDOR PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) dedicates funds annually through the Highway Safety Improvement Program to provide for safety improvements on any public roadway in the State and works with Local and State organizations to make investments that improve safety on all public roads; and

WHEREAS, the City submitted an application back in 2016 to the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Healthy Hayes Corridor Project, which included pedestrian and safety improvement between the north and south campuses of Firelands Regional Medical Center as detailed in the Bicentennial Vision Comprehensive Plan and the Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative; and

WHEREAS, upon request by the City and Erie Regional Planning Commission, the Ohio Department of Transportation performed a study, which was completed in August of 2017, on Hayes Avenue from Perkins Avenue to Columbus Avenue and recommended several safety-related improvements at various locations along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Hayes Corridor Project I proposed for construction in 2025 and not only includes the pedestrian and safety improvement between the north and south campuses of Firelands Regional Medical Center and many of the recommended safety improvements at various locations but also involves items for multi-modal transportation between Columbus Avenue and Perkins Avenue and in addition will provide a pedestrian-friendly link from the new Justice Center to downtown; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the project, including inflation, is \$2,843,200 and with the City will be applying for financial assistance in the amount of \$1,285,470.00, the City's share will be \$1,557,730 of which City Staff will seek to leverage funding from private sources, public bikeway grants, MPO funding and any other potential revenue stream available; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to immediately submit the application to the Ohio Department of Transportation and, if awarded, allow the project to proceed and reduce the safety concerns at these specific locations on Hayes Avenue at the earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in

accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file a grant application on behalf of the City of Sandusky with the Ohio Department of Transportation for financial assistance through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for the Healthy Hayes Corridor Project and to execute any contracts or agreements on behalf of the City and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application should they be awarded.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:



KELLY L. KRESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: September 24, 2018