

RESOLUTION NO. 035-20R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN ABBREVIATED GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) FOR A PORTION OF THE SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY INCLUDED IN THE MEIGS STREET RECONSTRUCTION & MULTI-USE PATH PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved an agreement for professional design services with The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., of Maumee, Ohio, for the Meigs Street Reconstruction & Multi-Use Path Project by Ordinance No. 19-149, passed on August 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Meigs Street Reconstruction & Multi-Use Path Project will provide for improvements between Water Street and Sycamore Line, including roadway reconstruction and associated drainage north of Washington Street, pavement mill and overlay from Washington Street to Sycamore Line, pavement marking and signing, a multi-use path, sidewalk and curb ramp repairs or replacement as needed, drive repairs, tree removals and replanting, along with landscaping, hardscaping, and benches at two (2) bus stops; and

WHEREAS, the Sandusky Bay Pathway is a coastal trail that stretches along the waterfront from the east corporation limit to the west corporation limit with several other on-street and off-street trails networking City roads and the City-wide park system; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) dedicates funds annually through the Highway Safety Improvement Program to provide for highway safety treatments or corrective activity designed to alleviate safety problems or potentially hazardous situations and accepts abbreviated applications any time of year for projects \$500,000.00 or less; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to submit an abbreviation application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for financial funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for the portion of the Sandusky Bay Pathway included in the Meigs Street Reconstruction Project & Multi-Use Project for safety-eligible items, specifically sidewalk repairs and an extension of the U.S. Bike Route 130 (Sandusky Bay Pathway), on Meigs Street from Water Street to First Street; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Meigs Street Reconstruction & Multi-Use Path Project is currently estimated at \$1,852,000.00 and the City is requesting grant funds in the amount of \$314,207.10, which is in addition to the existing \$755,418.07 allocated from the Ohio Department of Transportation through the Erie Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and thus, if awarded, will reduce the City's share to \$782,374.83 of which \$432,374.83 will be paid with General Funds and \$350,000.00 will be paid with Water Funds; 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 abbreviated application to the Ohio Department of Transportation and continue with budgetary planning for the project; and

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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 an abbreviated 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 a portion of the Sandusky Bay Pathway included in the Meigs Street Reconstruction & Multi-Use Path 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
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: September 14, 2020