

**RESOLUTION NO. 044-23R**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025 OHIO TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM; 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) instituted the Ohio Transportation Partnership Program (OTP2) to provide State funds to the rural and urban transit systems in Ohio beginning in state fiscal year 2020 and the program purpose is to facilitate the most efficient and effective use of state funds in the provision of public transportation services, while meeting transit system needs, improving economic conditions, and providing a quality-of-life environment for the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the City was notified in March of 2023 by the Federal Transit Administration that the federal funding for the Sandusky Transit System will be transitioning from the Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Section 5311) to the Urbanized Area Formula Grants (Section 5307) resulting from the Census Bureau's recent publication of new urban area boundaries based on 2020 Census data and in order to assist in the transition, the City is applying to the Ohio Department of Transportation for State funding through the OTP2 Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has applied for financial assistance in the amount of \$365,000.00 for operating funds, along with funding for one (1) vehicle replacement, and \$96,663.03 for various maintenance equipment upgrades; 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 ratify the submission of the grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for SFY 2025 Ohio Transportation Partnership Program which was submitted on September 11, 2023; 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 Sandusky Transit System, 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. This City Commission hereby approves and ratifies the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the State Fiscal Year 2025 Ohio Transportation Partnership Program (OTP2) for funding to assist with the operation of the Sandusky Transit System, and to execute any contracts or agreements on behalf of the City and lawfully expend funds should they be

awarded.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute and file with the City's applications any assurances or any other documentation required by the Ohio Department of Transportation and to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with the City's applications.

Section 3. The Clerk of the City Commission is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to be utilized for the filing of any applications for financial assistance from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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.



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RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST: 

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CATHLEEN A. MYERS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: September 25, 2023