

RESOLUTION NO. 006-24R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2024 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has set aside monies for Safe Routes to School Projects, hereinafter STRS funds through the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Agencies (LPA's), like the City of Sandusky can apply for these funds and be selected for funding by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program provides resources, technical assistance and project funding to encourage and enable students in grades K-12 to walk or ride their bike to school and funding is available for infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure activities; and

WHEREAS, a Sandusky City Schools Safe Routes to School Travel Plan was first completed in February of 2013 and subsequently received funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Ohio Department of Transportation used for infrastructure improvements for the Sandusky Middle School Project; and

WHEREAS, a new School Travel Plan for Sandusky City Schools has been completed in collaboration with representatives from the City, Sandusky City Schools, community, Health Department and has been approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation which allows the City to apply for funding for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects listed in the School Travel Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City will be applying for up to \$500,000.00 in funds for priority infrastructure projects including signage, crosswalk, intersection improvement, street lighting, shared use path, sidewalks, traffic calming measures, and bicycle facility type projects; 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 file the application with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2024 Safe Routes to School Grant Program by the submission deadline of March 1, 2024; 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 Community Development, 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:

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Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Sandusky with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2024 Safe Routes to School Cost Reimbursement Program for financial assistance for projects listed in the School Travel Plan for the Sandusky City Schools in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) for infrastructure projects.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with the City's applications and to execute any contracts or agreements on behalf of the City and to provide all necessary information for cost reimbursement.

Section 3. The City of Sandusky agrees to fund One Hundred percent (100%) of the cost over and above the maximum amount provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation for infrastructure projects and upon completion of the infrastructure projects shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the projects in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, 23 USC 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the described Project; (3) if necessary, maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) if necessary, hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

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

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Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: February 12, 2024