



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R36 - 2024

Introduced by the Administration on March 6, 2024

Authorizes the confirmation of the City to serve as the Local Project Sponsor of the Center Square Redesign at 7th St Hamilton St to be eligible for discretionary funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation up to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) with no match required.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of being confirmed as the Local Project Sponsor to be eligible for discretionary funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, the funding will allow the City to provide for the roadway and traffic signal improvements associated with the Center Square Redesign project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allentown City Council hereby confirms to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation that the City will serve as the Local Project Sponsor.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Mayor Matt Tuerk and Finance Director Bina Patel, of the City of Allentown be designated to execute all funding documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to facilitate and assist in obtaining the discretionary funds.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish copies of the resolution to appropriate agencies.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Public Works – Engineering

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is undertaking a Public Improvements Project in accordance with ANIZDA guidelines for the Center Square at 7th and Hamilton St including roadway improvements to 7th St, a State Highway. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is willing to provide discretionary funding as a reimbursable grant toward the roadway improvements of the project. PennDOT is looking for the City to serve as the local sponsor for the project and enter into a reimbursement agreement. This resolution will confirm the City will act as the local sponsor and authorize the Administration to enter into any necessary agreements to establish the reimbursement agreement. \$2,500,000.00 of discretionary funding is being considered no matching funds are required.

The scope of the roadway improvements includes reconfiguration of the intersection of Hamilton and 7th St, improvements at 7th St and Linden St, new traffic signals, pavement, and pavement markings.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

This resolution will confirm the City will act as the local sponsor and authorize the Administration to enter into any necessary agreements to establish the reimbursement agreement.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

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- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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