



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 193

RESOLUTION

R - 2021

Introduced by the Administration on November 17, 2021

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Grant of Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$992,960.00) to support the Downtown Signals Project at Lehigh and Union Streets.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant of \$992,960.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to support roadway widening and installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Lehigh and Union Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ray O'Connell, Mayor, and Seth O'Neill, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$992,960.00) in Multimodal Transportation Funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

Template for Bills and Resolutions:

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Public Works

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$992,960 to support road widening and traffic signal installation at the intersection of Lehigh and Union Streets.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the City's commitment and plans for the project and to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The grant request is for \$992,960, with a match commitment of \$301,000. This project is part of the ongoing transportation improvements going on in the downtown area and throughout the City. The project will continue to improve traffic safety in the downtown area and allow City of Allentown staff to maintain and monitor traffic operations.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The resolution is an application requirement. Application is being submitted on by November 5, 2021, so the resolution will be provided to PennDOT as soon as available as a supplemental submission.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds to support this critical project that will improve the safety of the City's residents and visitors.