

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 24 - 2025

MARCH 19, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) to a newly created Capital Account to aid in the completion of the Hamilton Streetscape project from 5th Street to the beginning of the NIZ. These improvements will promote tourism in the city, increasing economic growth. The upgrades will include new sidewalks, curbs, ADA ramps, LED pedestrian lighting, flower beds, trees, tree lighting, ADA compliant benches, bike racks, garbage cans, and stormwater upgrades. The City was awarded an MTF-DCED grant, and these funds are fully reimbursable.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes an increase in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) as follows:

Increase:

State Aid	
001-00-0000-0000-47144	\$350,000.00

Increase:

Hamilton Streetscape (5th-Non-Niz Section)	
001-03-2048-1025-76	\$350,000.00
Construction Contracts	

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

Public Works Department

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City applied for and was awarded a \$350,000.00 MTF-DCED Grant to improve the Non-Niz section of Hamilton Street from 5th Street to the beginning of the NIZ. This bill funds a portion of the construction for this project to install new sidewalks, curbs, ADA ramps, LED pedestrian lighting, flower beds, trees, tree lighting, ADA compliant benches, bike racks, garbage cans, and stormwater upgrades.

- 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 grant will fund a portion of the construction for the non-Niz portion of the Hamilton Streetscape project.

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

These grant funds will be used for the construction of the Streetscape project located on Hamilton Street from 5th Street to the beginning of the NIZ. Funds will be used for new sidewalks, curbs, ADA ramps, LED pedestrian lighting, flower beds, trees, tree lighting, ADA compliant benches, bike racks, garbage cans, and stormwater upgrades. There are no drawbacks.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

This grant will support the vision of a safer, cleaner, and healthier city by improving mobility and safety on Hamilton Street.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

This grant will cover \$350,000 of the project and is fully reimbursable. All additional funding commitments are the responsibility of the Allentown Public Works Department.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The grant will aid in the completion of the Hamilton Streetscape project, which will promote tourism in the City, increasing economic growth.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

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\$350,000

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

n/a

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This grant will provide supplemental funding to the Public Works Department to complete the non-Niz portion of the Hamilton Streetscape project.