



Minutes - Final

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

5:45 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

[15-7742](#)

Bill 48

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One million Six Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$1,698,288.89) from various Capital Projects to Capital Project 2035 – American Parkway Traffic Signal Improvements to complete the construction of installing traffic adaptive system along American Parkway/Basin Street from Susquehanna Street to Airport Road. This Ordinance is amending the previously approved Ordinance No. 16114 to correct the account strings.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 48- Transfer American Pkwy GLG](#)

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Mr. Mark Shahda stated good evening Council and thank you for the opportunity to present this. He stated that this is an that was an ordinance that was previously approved by City Council. All they are doing this evening is amending the original ordinance to add additional funding to our 76 Accounts so they can do the construction under the Green Light Go Grant monies that they received for this project.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated alright and asked if there were any questions from his Councilmembers or committee members. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated good evening Council and thank you for the opportunity to present this. He stated that this is an that was an ordinance that was previously approved by City Council.

A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Bill be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 3 - Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach and Candida Affa

[15-7744](#)

Bill 49

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$384,000.00) to a newly created capital account and Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00) from the unappropriated balance as a grant match for the Demonstration project. These upgrades are low-cost temporary safety improvement projects that will include installing speed cushions, roundabouts, and line painting at key locations throughout the City. The City was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All Demonstration Grant and also includes the City's match portion.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 - SS4A Demonstration Grant](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated Mr. Shahda, again.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated yes, sir. Thank you. He stated so this is to appropriate the funding and put it in a Capital Account so they could do the work in the Safe Streets from All Demonstration grants that they received. He stated that they received \$384,000 to implement temporary low cost safety improvements at different locations throughout the city. They are proposing that they are going to be doing and installing 20 temporary speed cushions at different locations throughout the city and they are going to be putting in and installing temporary roundabouts on Ott Street between Greenleaf and Highland and also going to do some line painting on S. Jefferson Street to narrow the travel lanes down in hopes to reduce the speeds. He stated that they just did something today on Irving Street with the city's own funding in the Traffic Bureau. They installed the speed cushions between E Cedar and E Tilghman Street. He stated if they have an opportunity and they are on the Eastside, please drive by Irving Street, take a look at them, drive over them and provide any feedback that you may have.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok and asked if there are any questions from his committee. He stated go ahead Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated with curiosity, what does a temporary roundabout look like.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that they are going to be circular, rubber coded devices that are going to be placed in the middle of the street. He stated that this is a demonstration project really just to gauge feedback from

residents, community members on do they like them or do they dislike them and can the emergency response vehicles get through them safely without delaying the response time. He stated that this \$384,000 is really intended to try these projects as a PILOT Project just to monitor the overall performance of them and see if they are actually affected.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, alright. Thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated go ahead, Ms. Affa.

Ms. Candida Affa asked where are they going to be located.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that the temporary roundabouts are going to be on Ott Street between Greenleaf and Highland and the speed cushions are going to be around the schools and parks at 20 different locations.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she just had one more thing. She stated that she remembers that one meeting, it was suggested that these roundabouts, they slowed traffic down if you traveled from here to Kutztown, yeah they slow traffic down, but then she remembers it being presented to them on Seventh and Hamilton they are taking away that roundabout.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that roundabout staying at Seventh and Hamilton. It is just the turning lane that is going to change there. It is kind of going to be the same concept, but on a much smaller scale.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated got it, ok, thank you.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated so after the temporary devices are installed and the study is completed, are we going to have a more permanent solution after the study is done. She asked does that grant cover this.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated so what they are doing currently is the traffic studies at the 20 locations where they are going to be installing the speed cushions. He stated that they collected the data before the speed cushions were installed. They are going to be collecting the data after they are installed and see if they are actually helping the cause. He stated that they see there is a reduction in crashes and a reduction in speeds. They will seek some permanent solutions at these 20 locations.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated gotcha. Thank you.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated you are welcome.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked anybody else.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated this is his last question and asked are these movable for instance if you put them somewhere and after a year, you put something permanent as Ms. Santos mentioned. He asked could they move the temporary one to somewhere different.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated yes, they are removable and they are rubber mounted and he believes they come with 10 bolts with five on each side. They are bolted into the ground so if they have to remove them for whatever reasons they are, they can be easily removed.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated go ahead Ms. Affa.

Ms. Candida Affa asked does this hinder at all the emergency vehicles in the departments with ambulance.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that it shouldn't because between the speed cushions, there are two foot gap where larger vehicles like fire trucks and dump trucks will have the ability to straddle them so the speed cushion shouldn't hinder emergency response.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok. Go ahead Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated one last thing. She asked if city staff are able to install these and asked if they have to outsource someone to come in to do that.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that is correct and stated their city Traffic team underwent the training and taking care of all the installations.

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Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, thank you.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok, good and asked anyone else. He asked if there was anyone from the public.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Ed Zucal, that this Bill be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 3 - Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach and Candida Affa

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ed Zucal that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach and Candida Affa

[15-7654](#) January 15, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

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[15-7682](#) January 29, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

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[15-7665](#) February 19, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

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Adjournment: 5:52 PM