



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

30551

RESOLUTION

R191 - 2022

Introduced by the Administration on December 7, 2022

Approves the submission of the formal application for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Grant Fund requesting a grant of One Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$1,270,940.00) to support installation and replacement of all existing school flashers with latest technology, monitoring system, and the installation of speed radar board underneath the school flasher.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Grant Fund for a grant of One Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$1,270,940.00) to support installation and replacement of all existing school flashers with latest technology, monitoring system, and the installation of speed radar board underneath the school flasher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matt Tuerk, 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for Six Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$613,000) in Multimodal Transportation DCED Funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30551 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 7th day of December, 2022, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.



City Clerk

Legislative Template

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

Public Works/Traffic Planning and Control

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Grant Fun requesting a Grant of One million two hundred and seventy thousand nine hundred and forty dollars (\$1,270,940) to support installation and replacement of all existing school flashers with latest technology, monitoring system, and the installation of speed radar board underneath the school flasher.

- 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?

The Resolution is a requirement of the Grant application to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project and support of the application.

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

The benefits are that we may receive a grant that will better the community and city as a whole - school children/pedestrians and vehicles, will be much safer with this Design and Project at City school zones. There are no drawbacks.

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

The resolution will allow the city to move forward in protecting school children and pedestrians in school zones with the latest visual technology related to school flashers, while also alerting vehicles of their speed in the area with speed boards below the new speed limit signs.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The grant request is for \$1,270,940. The City has pledged \$382,500 in matching funds.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Safety and awareness in school zones of traveling speed, location of crosswalks, and vehicles hopefully staying at or under the existing speed limits in these school zones.

- 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.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.

Once notification of award has been received, Public Works will work with the Finance Department to:

- create a new Capital Project
- find the city-match funds within existing Traffic capital projects and prepare the needed transfers

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

The Resolution is an application requirement. This was just approved by the mayor to move forward, and the application is due Nov. 15, 2022. The signed Resolution must be forwarded upon Council Approval, since the application is due before this Resolution is voted on. (It will then be amended to the application).

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Resolution will allow the City to make these funds available to upgrade school zones with latest technology in awareness of the school zone, speed control, and assist in pedestrian safety, while also monitoring the speed on the roadway at all times near the school (via radar boards).