



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 184

**RESOLUTION**

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***Introduced by the Administration on December 7, 2016***

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Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Multimodal Transportation Fund for a Grant of Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$967,610.15) for Use in the Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements Along the South Jefferson Street Corridor Project

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***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 \$967,610.15 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to partially defray the cost of the project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ed Pawlowski, Mayor, and Brent Hartzell, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

**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 Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$967,610.15) in Multimodal Transportation Funding to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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

Department of Public Works

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Grant application to be submitted to PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund for traffic calming and safety improvements along the South Jefferson Street corridor between Elm and Lehigh 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 bill formally requests the grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Transportation Fund, authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents, and identifies the amount of the grant of a \$967,610.15 request. The City cannot apply without this resolution.

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

The cost of the project is approximately \$1,257,893.20 for Design, construction, inspection and materials.

The City's match of \$290,283.05 will come from City Capital Funds.

PennDOT's 15<sup>th</sup> Street project including paving and signal upgrades will be completed BY 2018. It is anticipated that there will be a substantial increase in vehicular and pedestrian usage. In addition to traffic calming features, a bike-share lane to promote access to Hamilton Street is also planned. This project will also address the lack of adequate street light illumination on this stretch of the project from Elm to Wyoming. In addition, the City will be keeping pace with it's commitment to improve handicap ramps throughout the city. This project is vital for the safety of motorists and pedestrian.

- **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.**

The Source of funds will be the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund

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

We request approval at the December 6th meeting in order to submit the grant by required date of December 16th.

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

This project will improve the safety of the motorist and pedestrians such as residents as well as visitors. Also, increase the quality of life for Center City residents and businesses in this area.