

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 3 – 2019

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 JANUARY 16, 2019
 

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to the City of Allentown for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Center City streetlights and ADA Ramp Installation Project. Total engineered cost estimate is \$357,145, with a 30% project match requirement on grant funds. The City has committed \$107,145 in CDBG funding to supplement the State award and complete the project. The project will provide funding for streetscape improvements (street lights, ADA ramps) on Gordon Street, between 6th and 7th Streets. This includes the replacement of 13 streetlights and installation of 8 ADA ramps.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2019 Capital Fund in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development:

**001-7144****State Aid**

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund as follows:

**GORDON STREET PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING****001-03-2027-1910-46****Other Contract Services****\$250,000**

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

Public Works

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Center City Streetlights and ADA Ramp Installation Project. The \$250,000 grant is funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

- **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 project will provide funding streetscape improvements (street lights, ADA ramps) on Gordon Street, between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. This includes the replacement of 13 streetlights and installation of 8 ADA ramps.

The project will increase the perception of safety and create a more appealing pedestrian environment, while also improving connectivity between the city's resurgent business district and its surrounding neighborhoods.

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

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- **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 funding comes from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

This is a normal priority project; however, City Engineering Dept can't release the RFP for the project until funds are appropriated, so timely attention is appreciated.

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

This project provides funds needed to enhance this downtown block of Gordon Street.