



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 111

**RESOLUTION**

**R - 2020**

***Introduced by the Administration on September 16, 2020***

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Authorizes Submission of an Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for Eight Hundred One Thousand Dollars (\$801,000) for the Mack Boulevard Lighting 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 in the amount of \$801,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to fund improvements to the lighting on Mack Boulevard.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ray O'Connell, Mayor, and Jessica Baraket, Purchasing Agent, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority 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 Seven Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$801,000) in Multimodal Transportation Funds to the Department of Community & Economic Development.

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

Public Works

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development requesting a grant of \$801,000 in Multimodal Transportation Funds. This grant will fund the Mack Blvd Lighting Project.

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

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

The grant request is for \$801,000. The City has pledged \$117,000 in matching funds for the design, engineering, and inspections related to the project.

- **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.**

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

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

The resolution is an application requirement. Application is due September 30, 2020.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds that would upgrade lighting along Mack Blvd in the City of Allentown. The project will create a safer and more environmentally-sensitive lighting system for the mobility benefit of pedestrians and drivers, while supporting the economic strength of both the City of Allentown and the wider region.