



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on April 19, 2023

Authorizes the submission of the formal application for funding from the Congresswoman Susan Wild Community Funding Project in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Twenty-Seven, Five Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$1,627,592) for Lehigh and Union Street and Union and 6th Street Intersection Enhancement.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds from the Community Project Funding Grant from Congresswomen Susan Wild office, for increased mobility of the city, through the enhancement of Lehigh and Union Street and Union and 6th Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Currently, motorists traveling northbound on Lehigh Street are not able to turn westbound (left) on Union Street due to the intersection configuration. To address this issue, this project includes intersection upgrades including geometric widening, construction of sidewalks and crosswalks, and signalization. This would provide improved access to the ring surrounding the inner core of the city and prevents vehicles from circling and conflicting with pedestrians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown will conduct the required citizen participation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown, Department of Public Works will assure the provision of other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congresswoman Susan Wild Community Project Funding Grant will tentatively fund this project in its entirety if awarded the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officer of the City of Allentown is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of this Resolution to Congresswoman Susan Wild's office.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Public Works – Traffic & Control Bureau

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This project is being managed by Public Works and is for intersection upgrades to Lehigh and Union Street and Union and 6th Street including geometric widening, construction of sidewalks and crosswalks, and signalization. This would provide improved access to the ring surrounding the inner core of the city and prevents vehicles from circling and conflicting with pedestrians.

- **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 formal application to demonstrate the city’s support of the project and to designate the mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

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

The grant application is for \$1,627,592 Funds with no match required. All funding commitment are the responsibility of the subgrantee and there is no financial impact or risk to the city.

- **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.**

n/a

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

The resolution is an application requirement.

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

This project is a huge benefit to the City and fully grant funded.