



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R60 - 2025**

***Introduced by the Administration on May 7, 2025***

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Authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant Opportunity in the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) with a 20% City match requirement for safety upgrades and reconfiguration of Tilghman Street and Union Boulevard.

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

***WHEREAS***, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds from the Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant, for safety upgrades and reconfiguration of Tilghman Street and Union Boulevard.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Allentown City Council, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for approximately Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal grant program.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matt Tuerk, Mayor, and Bina Patel, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements with the City of Allentown to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

## Legislative Template

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

Department of Public Works- Traffic Planning and Control

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting a formal application for the 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant Opportunity in the amount of approximately \$7,000,000.

The funds will be used to complete safety upgrades and reconfiguration of Tilghman Street & Union Boulevard.

- 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?

This resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the City's goals and timelines regarding eliminating roadway injuries and fatalities.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

These grant funds will be used for the planning and managing of the SS4A grant previously awarded to us in 2023. It will improve the overall safety of the City of Allentown's roadways.

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

This bill supports the city's priorities by enhancing road safety for all users, aligning with the mission to create a safer, healthier, and more accessible community for everyone.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The city is requesting funding in the amount of approximately \$7,000,000. This project requires a 20% match.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This project will provide necessary safety improvements along Allentown's #1 High Injury network.

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

This grant is due June 20, 2025, and will be submitted with the application.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This project improves safety for all road users and supports Allentown's Vision 2030 by addressing high-crash areas with proven, multimodal solutions. City Council's unanimous support will show a strong commitment to a safer, more connected city.