

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 91 - 2023

OCTOBER 4, 2023

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Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) from the City's ARPA funds for the repair of the Dixon St. Pedestrian Bridge. These funds will provide for the design and construction of the Dixon St Bridge, which will allow citizens to use this bridge and connect the neighborhoods from the north of Dixon St to South Mountain Middle School and Dodd Elementary school area.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes appropriation in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) as follows:

Parks and Recreation

001-08-2215-2119-46	Dixon Street Bridge Repair	\$ 275,000
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SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

This bill originates from the Parks and Recreation department, with support from Finance.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This bill provides for the repair of the Dixon St. Pedestrian Bridge that has been closed since 2021. This bridge is an important connection from the neighborhood to the north of Dixon St to South Mountain Middle School and Dodd Elementary school area.

- 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?

The purpose of this bill will provide design and construction of the Dixon St Bridge to bring it back to safe and working conditions to allow citizens to use this bridge again.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

The benefit of doing this project allows us to connect the neighborhoods together again. Currently the only two bridges in this section of the park are privately owned by Lehigh Humane Society and put citizens directly into unsafe conditions (parking lots).

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

This is an important connection between neighborhoods.

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

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

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- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Connects the communities together again. Creates a safe crossing on Dixon St.

- Funding Sources — Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Appropriating funds from the ARPA Fund to the Dixon Street Bridge Repair project as follows:

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

n/a

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This would connect the communities together again and create a safe way to cross between neighborhoods.