

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 8 - 2025

JANUARY 15, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) to the newly created capital account for the design of the traffic signal upgrades at 17th and Linden Street, 17th and Turner Street, 17th and Chew Street, and 17th and Walnut Street intersections. This project is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (MTF-DCED) that the City was awarded. This will fund the design for upgrades to the four intersections on 17th Street. The City was awarded \$250,000 as part of the MTF-DCED grant that is reimbursable, and the \$75,000 is considered the City's match that is required per the grant agreement.

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

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes a decrease to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) and transferred to the following account:

Increase:
000-02-0602-0003-88 (Interfund Transfers) \$ 75,000

Decrease:
000-1010 (Cash – General Fund) \$ 75,000

Increase:
17th Street Traffic Signal Upgrades (2047)

001-1010	Capital Cash	\$ 75,000
001-2661	Transfer In	\$ 75,000
001-7144	State Aid	\$250,000
001-03-2047-2402-46	Contract/Services Fee	\$ 75,000
001-03-2047-2410-46	Contract/Services Fee	\$250,000

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SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

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

Public Works – Traffic Planning and Control

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City was awarded \$250,000 funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (MTF-DCED) grant.

Additionally, part of the requirements of this grant is to provide match funding of \$75,000 that will cover the design at total cost of \$325,000.

The purpose of this grant is to complete the design that will upgrade the intersections of 17th and Chew Street, 17th and Turner Street, 17th and Linden Street, and 17th and Walnut Street. This would provide pedestrian safety and transportation improvements. The grant award of \$250,000 will be reimbursed once the project is complete, and the \$75,000 is the city's match that is required through the grant agreement.

- 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 the bill is to decrease the unappropriated balance and transfer to the newly created capital account for the 17th St Traffic Signal Upgrades to complete the design.

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

The benefit of doing this bill is to complete the design to upgrade the four intersections on 17th Street. Once the design is completed, the City will apply for additional grant funding to complete the construction of the project. The reimbursable portion and the City's match will cover the design for this project.

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

This bill relates to the City's vision to show our commitment to the safety of our students and the community at large. The project aims to implement crucial safety improvements at these four intersections, creating a safer environment for our children.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The increased appropriation is for \$325,000 as part of the reimbursable portion and the match portion of the MTF-DCED grant that was awarded.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The funds are needed to hire a consultant for design as it relates to the traffic signals at these four intersections. This would provide pedestrian safety and transportation improvements.

- 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.

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

n/a

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The City was awarded this MTF-DCED grant and \$250,000 will be reimbursed while the \$75,000 is the city's match portion to pay for the design services.