



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. ____

RESOLUTION

R147 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on September 6, 2023

Authorizes the submission of the formal application for funding from the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Services in the amount of One Million Four Hundred and Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,403,000) for three intersections on 17th Street.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds from the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Services, to update the traffic signals and pedestrian improvements along 17th Street at three intersections.

WHEREAS, the grant will include upgrades at the intersections at 17th and Chew St, 17th and Turner Street, and 17th and Linden Street such as new mast arms, controller assemblies, vehicle detection, accessible pedestrian signals and connections to the City's existing traffic signal system, enhancing pedestrian safety and transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown will conduct the required citizen participation process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown, Department of Public Works will assure the provision of other necessary funds to make the activity feasible; the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Services Funding Grant will tentatively fund this project of \$1,403,000 with \$73,000 required for match funding if the grant is awarded.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Allentown City Council hereby authorizes the submission of the formal application for funding from the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Services in the amount of One Million Four Hundred and Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,403,000) for three intersections on 17th Street.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Mayor Matt Tuerk and Director of Public Works Mark Shahda of the City of Allentown be designated to execute all grant documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish copies of the resolution to appropriate agencies.

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 is submitting a formal application for the 2023 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Services in the amount of One Million four hundred and three thousand dollars (\$1,403,000.00).

This grant is to install updated traffic signals and pedestrian improvements along 17th Street at 3 intersections.

- 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 Resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project to support the application and to designate the mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

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

The benefits include transportation improvements and pedestrian safety.

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

This project is to do modernizations at the intersections of 17th and Chew Street, 17th and Turner Street, and 17th and Linden Street, to include new mast arms, controller assemblies, vehicle detection, accessible pedestrian signals and connection to the City's existing traffic signal system.

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

The grant request is for \$1,403,000. The City has pledged \$73,000 in matching funds.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

- 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.

n/a

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

The Resolution is an application requirement. Application is due July 30, 2023. The signed resolution must be forwarded upon Council Approval since the application is due after this Resolution is voted on.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Resolution will allow the City to apply for these funds that would update these 3 intersections on 17th Street that will benefit both pedestrians and drivers.