

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 25 - 2025

MARCH 19, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of One million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000.00) to a newly created Capital Account to enhance road safety and improve pedestrian and cyclist accessibility on South Jefferson Street. These upgrades will enhance safety and infrastructure for vulnerable road users along this corridor. The City was awarded an ARLE grant, and these funds are fully reimbursable.

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

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes an increase in the amount of One million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000.00) as follows:

Increase:

State Aid	
001-00-0000-0000-47144	\$1,900,000.00

Increase:

S. Jefferson Street Road Diet

001-03-2049-1025-46	Contract/Services Fee	\$349,606.00
001-03-2049-1025-76	Construction Contracts	<u>\$1,550,394.00</u>
		\$1,900,000.00

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SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

Public Works Department

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City applied for and was awarded a \$1,900,000 ARLE Grant that will fund a comprehensive redesign of South Jefferson Street (a 50-foot-wide roadway), to enhance road safety, improve pedestrian and cyclist accessibility, and promote efficient transit operations.

- 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 bill will allocate the funding for the design, inspection, and construction of South Jefferson Street to enhance the safety and infrastructure for vulnerable road users.

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

The redesign of S. Jefferson Street is critically necessary due to existing safety concerns and inadequate infrastructure for non-motorized road users. High vehicle speeds, increasing accident rates, insufficient pedestrian and cyclist facilities, and numerous resident complaints and speeding and unsafe conditions have created a pressing need for comprehensive improvements. There are no drawbacks.

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

The project aligns with broader community and development goals, seeking to provide a safer, more accessible environment for all road users and to support efficient public transit.

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

This grant is fully reimbursable and will cover \$1,900,000 of the project. Any additional funding commitments are the responsibility of the City of Allentown, Public Works Department.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The awarded grant will aid in the completion of the redesign and construction of S. Jefferson Street promoting safety throughout the City.

- 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?

This bill will promote safety and infrastructure upgrades at this heavily traveled roadway.