

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 82 - 2024

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000.00) to the newly created capital account for the School Zone Traffic Safety Upgrades project as part of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) grant the City was awarded to install and replace school flashers citywide. The City was awarded \$1,500,000 as part of the TASA grant, and the \$505,000 is considered the City's match that is required.

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 Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000) and transferred to the following account:

Decrease:

000-02-0602-0003-88 (Interfund Transfers)	\$505,000
000-1010 (Cash – General Fund)	\$505,000

Increase

School Zone Traffic Safety Upgrades (2044)		
001-1010	Capital Cash	\$505,000
001-2661	Transfer In	\$505,000
001-03-2044-2402-46	Contract/Services Fee	\$505,000

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SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 \$1,500,000 funded through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) program. Part of the requirements of this grant is to provide match funding that will cover the design and inspection services at \$505,000. The purpose of this grant is to install and replace all school flashers Citywide with new flashers to include radar speed boards.

- 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 appropriation from the unappropriated balance to the newly created capital account for the School Zone Traffic Safety Upgrades Project.

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

The benefit of doing this bill is to replace all of the school zone flashers in the City with new flashers to include radar speed boards and some other safety upgrades. The City's match portion will cover the design and inspection services for the replacement of all school zone flashers.

- 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 in school zones across Allentown, creating a safer environment for our children. This funding is a testament to our proactive approach in addressing the safety needs of our students and securing a safer future for them.

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

The increased appropriation is for \$505,000 as part of the match portion of the TASA grant that was awarded.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The funds are needed to hire a consultant for design and inspection services as it relates to the replacement of the school zone flashers.

- 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 TASA grant and this funding is the match portion to pay for the design and inspection services.