

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-7-21**

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A MEMBER DESIGNATED PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST RELATED TO THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT THROUGH CONGRESSMAN BOB GIBBS OF OHIO'S SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE ROUTE 83 & STATE ROUTE 254 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, United States Congressman Bob Gibbs represents Ohio's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives which includes the City of Avon; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Gibbs has notified communities in the district that his office will accept project funding requests through April 21, 2021 for consideration as a Member Designated Transportation and Infrastructure Project for potential inclusion in an upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Gibbs' instructions included specific status requirements for projects to be considered, project information to be provided and funding request limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the Congressman's parameters, the Avon Administration concluded that the State Route 83 & State Route 254 Intersection Improvement Project (LOR-254-05.66) is well suited to the program because it is an established project that is already on the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and has an existing federal funding percentage of less than 80%; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Route 83 & State Route 254 Intersection Improvement Project (LOR-254-05.66), is multi-faceted and is aimed at addressing serious safety concerns that currently exist at the intersection that were identified by both ODOT and NOACA. The project will accomplish these goals by improving throughput while reducing driver confusion, vehicular conflict points and traffic congestion. In addition, the associated traffic signal improvements will include features that aid in the response time of emergency vehicles and increase pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the current estimated project cost noted in the ODOT STIP is Seven Million Six Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four and 80/100 (\$7,649,854.80) Dollars, a funding request of One Million Five Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four and 80/100 (\$1,503,854.80) Dollars will be requested for consideration by Congressman Gibbs to bring the obtained and potential federal funding up to a total maximum of Eighty Percent (80%) of project cost with One Million Five Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,530,000) Dollars remaining as the Avon local share; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Gibbs also requires a letter of support from the applicant community which must include an expression of willingness to carry out the project and the ability for the funding to be obligated within the time period set forth under federal-aid highway or federal transit requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has completed a draft project application and a draft letter of support for submission which are attached hereto and noted as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds that these proposed improvements will significantly further the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon and the community in providing an improved and safer public roadway system with the associated appurtenances throughout the project extents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1 - That the City Council of the City of Avon hereby supports the Avon Mayor in signing the Letter of Support contained in Exhibit A, incorporated herein, and the submission of an application to United States Congressman Bob Gibbs of Ohio's 7<sup>th</sup> District seeking additional federal funding for the amounts stated herein in order to obtain much needed financial assistance for the public improvements within the City of Avon, to wit: improvements to be known as the State Route 83 & State Route 254 Intersection Improvement Project (LOR-254-05.66) with all appurtenances thereto.

Section 2 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3 - That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity support an application for Member Designated Transportation and Infrastructure Project funding for potential inclusion in an upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act prior to its predetermined deadlines; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

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Barbara Brooks  
Clerk of Council

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Provided by Council

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