

RESOLUTION NO. R-8-21

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 FRENCH CREEK GREENWAY PHASE 1 PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, United States Congressman Bob Gibbs represents Ohio's 7th 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 French Creek Greenway Phase 1 Project (LOR-CR0606-09.98) 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 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has identified the spine of the Avon trail network to be known as the French Creek Greenway, that when eventually fully constructed, will provide an alternate transportation link between key community resources such as parks, schools, health care facilities and commercial areas throughout Avon; and

WHEREAS, the French Creek Greenway Phase 1 Project (LOR-CR0606-09.98) seeks to advance community connectivity, enhance transportation safety, and promote livability by providing an active transportation alternative to the general public that connects destinations within Lorain County to the Historic French Creek District; and

WHEREAS, the currently estimated project cost noted in the ODOT STIP is One Million, Fifty Seven Thousand, Forty Six and 50/100 (\$1,057,046.50) Dollars, a funding request of Five Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and 00/100 (\$595,637.00) will be submitted 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 Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Nine and 50/100 (\$211,409.50) 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, and incorporated herein, and the submission of an application to United States Congressman Bob Gibbs of Ohio's 7th 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 French Creek Greenway Phase 1 Project (LOR-CR0606-09.98) 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.

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 to 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: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places, as
Provided by Council

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