

Proposed: 10/02/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2023(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a joint application with the Cities of University Heights and East Cleveland to the Northeast Ohio Area Wide Coordinating Agency ("NOACA") for a grant under the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative ("TLCI") Implementation Grant Program to fund the Taylor Road Corridor Road Reconfiguration; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Cities of Cleveland Heights, University Heights, and East Cleveland (the "Cities") recognize the shared challenges to transportation, access, and mobility within the region; and

WHEREAS, the Cities have determined to work collaboratively to meet those challenges through shared planning; and

WHEREAS, the Cities worked with NOACA on a TLCI grant in 2018 and 2019 to prepare the Taylor Road Corridor Study; and

WHEREAS, the Cities further have determined to work collaboratively to implement recommendations of the Taylor Road Corridor Study within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cities further have determined to supplement the Taylor Road Corridor Study's recommendations with newer best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Cities propose the Taylor Road Corridor Reconfigurations, which would consist of road diet, buffered bicycle lanes, and new paint (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Cities look to build upon the private and public investments that are in progress, planned, and/or anticipated to occur along the Taylor Road Corridor, including new townhomes under construction within University Heights, a new mixed-use development proposed in Cleveland Heights, and upcoming sewer work in East Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the TLCI Implementation Program provides federal funds for projects that integrate transportation and land use planning, increase transportation options, promote livability, and advance the goals of NOACA's Strategic Plan for northeast Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, the TLCI Implementation Program is paid on a reimbursement basis, requiring the applicant to first expend funds (if matched) and then request reimbursement from NOACA; and

WHEREAS, the Cities have determined that the City of Cleveland Heights would act as the Project Sponsor and, therefore, would be designated as the recipient; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights agrees to abide by all federal requirements as a recipient of federal transportation funds, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and including all applicable federal procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights, as Project Sponsor, agrees to be responsible for managing any and all sub-contracting agencies, organizations, or consultants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights, as Project Sponsor, agrees to complete the agreed upon scope of services or will forfeit current and future TLCI awards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights, as Project Sponsor, is authorized to execute a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and NOACA if selected for the TLCI Program.

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to submit the proposed joint application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized to submit a joint application on behalf of the City of Cleveland Heights, with the Cities of University Heights and East Cleveland, to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, with the City of Cleveland Heights acting as the Project Sponsor and designated recipient of USDOT funds, for the TLCI Implementation Program.

SECTION 2. Notice of passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to meet the application deadline. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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MELODY JOY HART
President of the Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved by Mayor: _____

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Mayor