

RESOLUTION 21 - 31, 2021  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

**AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROGRAM IN COOPERATION WITH HAMILTON COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR WALTON CREEK RD. IMPROVEMENTS, AND DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING**

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton County sponsors the Transit Infrastructure Fund to improve overall mobility for residents by providing grant funds to improve roads, bridges and sidewalks to benefit the Metro bus service. The program is managed by Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) and is funded through a 0.8 percent county sales tax levy approved by voters in May 2020 for the next 25 years of which 25 percent (0.2) is allocated to roadway infrastructure and 75 percent (0.6) is allocated for Metro's bus service operations and capital costs, and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia Township is working with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office to consider improving Walton Creek Rd. by 1) adding sidewalks to connect northern township neighborhoods to US-50 and specifically Metro transit stops, and 2) to ease congestion at the approach to US-50 as recommended in the Eastern Corridor Plan (ODOT's integrated multi-modal transportation plan for local improvements in eastern Hamilton County), and

**WHEREAS**, Walton Creek meets the Transit Infrastructure Fund eligibility criteria for being within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of a Metro fixed transit route and not being a federal limited access Class 1 highway such as I-275, I-75, I-74 and I-71, and

**WHEREAS**, the program provides up to 90% of funding to qualified projects, and if the grant is awarded, Columbia Township will apply to the Hamilton County Engineer's Office for additional grant funds under the township-equivalent of the Municipal Road Fund which is funded through the Permissive License Tax, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens:

**Section 1:** The Administrator is hereby authorized to apply to the Transit Infrastructure Fund as described above.

**Section 2:** The Administrator is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Mrs./Mr. Ms. Hughes

Passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021

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Seconded by: Mr./Mrs. Mr. Lamar

**VOTE:**

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	06-08-2021
Brian Lamar	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	06-08-2021
Susan Hughes	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	06-08-2021
ATTEST:	<u>[Signature]</u>		06-08-2021
	Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer		

APPROVED as to form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Township Legal Counsel

Passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021