RESOLUTION 26 - 26, 2026
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY METRO TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROGRAM ROUND 6 (2026), TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR ROAD RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS ON ASHLEY OAKS DRIVE, ASHLEY VIEW DRIVE, AND ASHLEY MEADOWS COURT, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Hamilton County sponsors the Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund ("MTIF") to improve overall mobility for residents by providing grant funds to improve roads, bridges and sidewalks to benefit 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 plans to apply to MTIF Round 6 (2026) to perform road resurfacing improvements and sidewalk repairs in the Township's third largest subdivision, built in the mid-1980s, known as Williams Meadow at US-50 in Columbia Township's Wooster Pike Business District; road surface and sidewalk improvements will be made specifically to Ashley Oaks Drive, Ashley View Drive, and Ashley Meadows Court ("Williams Meadow Improvement Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Williams Meadow Improvement Project meets the Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund eligibility criteria for being within ¾ mile of Metro fixed transit route(s) 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 may elect to use eligible Ridge District Tax Increment Financing revenues for public improvements, Dispensary Host Community Fund revenues, or Gas Tax revenues any proper combination of for the local match; 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.

WHEREAS, this resolution is an emergency necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare in Columbia Township. The Township heavily relies on grant funding from regional, state, and federal agencies to safely maintain, repair, and reconstruct its public road system and sidewalks which are necessary for the public welfare of Township residents and businesses and the traveling public, and, as a result, desires to apply for and to secure such funding at the earliest possible time; and

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:

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Section 1: The Administrator is hereby authorized to apply to the Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund Round 6 (2026) 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.

Section 3: The Application requires the Township Fiscal Officer to provide a signed certification with the Application that the amount of all local funds required for the project will be available on or before the dates listed in the Project Schedule section.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: MR. KUBICKI

Seconded by: MR. LAMAR

VOTE:

TRUSTEE	**Voting**	**Signature**	**Date**
David Kubicki, Chair	Yes		05/12/2026
Brian Lamar, Vice Chair	yes		05/12/2026
Steve Brokamp, Trustee			05/12/2026

ATTEST: _____ 05/12/2026
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED as to form: _____ _____
Township Legal Counsel