

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program provides resources, technical assistance, and project funding for Local Public Agencies and school systems to encourage and enable students in grades K-12 to safely walk or ride their bike to school; and

WHEREAS, in order for a city to be eligible to apply for funds, the community must develop a comprehensive School Travel Plan that identifies both infrastructure and non-infrastructure safety improvements, countermeasures, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Safe Route to School Plan and updated it during August 2024; and

WHEREAS, ODOT is accepting grant applications for SRTS Plan assistance, which will award up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding for a proposed sidewalk project identified in its School Travel Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City administration recommends submitting a proposal to ODOT for SRTS grant funding to construct a new 6-foot sidewalk to improve access from Franklin Street to East Woods Intermediate School; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted under this grant must be located within two miles of a K-12 school and be included in an approved School Travel Plan; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$415,518.39, of which the City, if awarded the STRS funds, agrees to pay One Hundred Percent (100%) of the construction cost over and above the maximum amount provided by ODOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to prepare and execute on behalf of the City an application and all related paperwork for SRTS funds for the new sidewalk connecting Franklin Street to East Woods Intermediate School and to submit the same to the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation.

Section 2. If the application is approved for the funding, the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to enter a contract with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to accept all such funding and do all things necessary to complete the sidewalk connecting Franklin Street to East Woods Intermediate School; and

Section 3. Upon completion of the sidewalk connecting Franklin Street to East Woods Intermediate School, and unless otherwise agreed, the City shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the described sidewalk in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, 23 USC 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the described sidewalk; (3) if necessary, maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) if necessary, hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 4. The aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2026.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council