

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (“LPA”) FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HINES HILL RAIL GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT (SUM-GCEP-HUDSON HINES HILL ROAD, PID#121034).

WHEREAS, this agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is for the replacement of an at-grade railroad crossing at Hines Hill Road with a grade separation bridge; and

WHEREAS, in the Northwest quadrant of the City, Hines Hill Road has a gated at-grade crossing with two sets of Norfolk Southern railroad tracks that handle approximately 50 to 60 trains each day; and

WHEREAS, the average daily traffic on Hines Hill Road is approximately 4,500 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City staff and this Council determined that a rail grade separation (bridge) would provide unimpeded access to the northwest corner of Hudson for emergency services and ensure a safer crossing of the tracks, resulting in a dramatic improvement in public safety for the City, its residents, and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the City has successfully sought and secured \$16,666,174 in state and federal funding for the grade separation project; and

WHEREAS, the project’s total estimated cost is approximately \$19.6 million, including contingency, construction management, and inspection costs; and

WHEREAS, the grade separation is a state-sponsored transportation project, the use of the state and federal funds must follow the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) process that allows local public agencies, like the City of Hudson, to administer the projects so long as the municipality enters an agreement with ODOT for this process; and

WHEREAS, Section 5501.03 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that ODOT may coordinate its activities and enter into contracts with other appropriate local public agencies to administer the design, qualification of bidders, competitive bid letting, construction, inspection, and acceptance of any projects administered by ODOT, provided the administration of such projects is performed in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations with oversight by ODOT; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to make these improvements and proceed without delay to ensure their timely completion; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a contract with ODOT in order to proceed with design and, ultimately, construction.

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

Section 1. The City of Hudson’s Council agrees to and authorizes the City Manager to execute and do all things necessary to implement a LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement and any other necessary contract(s) and to sign all required forms to permit the City of Hudson to serve as the contractual agent for the subject project and to proceed with the design and construction of the Hines Hill Rail Grade Separation Project (PID 121034) in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and procedures as defined in the project agreement. The agreement shall be in a form approved by the City Solicitor.

Section 2. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 3. 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 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect 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 No. 26- ____ was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2026.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council