

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT) GRANT.

WHEREAS, under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the US Department of Transportation awards grant funding through the "PROTECT" grant program; and

WHEREAS, the PROTECT grant program's purpose is to help ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City could receive up to 80% of the project funds in Federal grant funding for the "South Main Street (SR 91) Storm Sewer Redirection at Railroad Underpass Project;" and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the "South Main Street (SR 91) Storm Sewer Redirection at Railroad Underpass Project" was identified in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's (NEORSD) study of the lower Cuyahoga River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the City of Hudson, the storm water study identified and evaluated sub-watersheds improvements in Hudson, including the drainage area on State Route 91 at the railroad overpass, also known as the Brandywine Creek Project Area 14 (BRPA14); and

WHEREAS, South Main Street (SR 91) is the main, arterial street for the City's safety crews (Fire, EMS, Police) to access the southernly portion of the City during emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, during heavy rains, a portion of SR 91, under a Norfolk Southern Railroad overpass floods due to a surcharging, trunk storm sewer system that discharges to the nearby Brandywine Creek Tributary, and the project would reduce flooding at the railway underpass; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded, the City of Hudson could receive up to 80% of the project funding through PROTECT; and,

WHEREAS, the "South Main Street (SR 91) Storm Sewer Redirection at Railroad Underpass Project" is in the best interests of the City and its residents and is expected to begin construction in 2027 with an estimated cost of \$1,250,000.

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

Section 1. The City Manager and his designee are hereby authorized to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation through it “PROTECT” program for eligible projects within the City, including the “South Main Street (SR 91) Storm Sewer Redirection at Railroad Underpass Project.”

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. 25-18 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council