

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE
WED., FEB. 3, 2010**

This meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Committee of Kent City Council was called to order on Wed., Feb. 3, 2010, by Michael DeLeone, Chair, at 7:22 p.m.. Mr. DeLeone explained the only item on their agenda dealt with the AMATS Federal Funding Project Applications.

PRESENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DELEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. KUJAR, MS. SHAFFER, MR. VALENTA, MS. WALLACH, AND MR. WILSON

ALSO PRESENT: J. FIALA, MAYOR; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; J. BOWLING, CITY ENGINEER; G. ROBERTS, SERVICE DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

ABSENT: MR. TURNER

David Ruller, City Manager, said the AMATS process is a multi-step process. He said they must submit their intention to apply, followed by the application. Mr. Ruller said that **Jim Bowling, City Engineer**, is present to help with another cycle of funding. He said the projects on the list have been in the capital plan.

Mr. Bowling said about two years ago, AMATS changed their policy to accept funding applications for resurfacing. He said this allows them to deal with preservation issues in infrastructure. Mr. Bowling said there are three projects they will include that are in the plan in the next five years, with two being resurfacing projects. He said one is this year, adding it is E. Summit Street from Loop Rd. to SR 261. He said the other is the east side of Crain Avenue, and would also be a resurfacing job. Mr. Bowling said they are looking for permission to apply for both of those projects.

Mr. Bowling said they also wanted to include an enhancement project for the Portage Hike and Bike Trail, adding it would be an extension of the esplanade in conjunction with Kent State University. He said they have been working with Kent State to make a physical connection between the downtown and the University. He said they can access up to \$700,000 through AMATS, on behalf of Kent State, as they are not members of AMATS. He said in the spirit of cooperation, he would request they authorize submission of this project.

There were no questions or comments at this time.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO AMATS, WITH THE THREE PROJECTS PRESENTED, WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair DeLeone adjourned this meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO AMATS, WITH THE THREE PROJECTS PRESENTED, WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**