

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 16

**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PRE-APPLY FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY PROGRAM (CMAQ) FUNDS AND TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS ON SUMMIT STREET AND TO COMPLETE A LINK IN THE PORTAGE HIKE & BIKE TRAIL NEAR TANNERY PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, improvements to Summit Street are is needed to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and improve safety for the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning process has identified this priority need as essential to insure continued mobility and decreased congestion within the City of Kent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wants to complete another section of the Portage Hike & Bike Trail located near Tannery park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at lease three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to pre-apply for Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Funds and Transportation Enhancement Program Funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) for the following:

- 1) Address traffic congestion problems, pedestrian/vehicle safety issues and vehicle accident problems on Summit Street between Lincoln Street and Loop Road.
- 2) To complete a link in the Portage Hike & Bike Trail which will connect the Western Reserve Greenway to the Ohio and Erie Canal corridors.

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Kent acknowledges and understands the AMATS "Funding Policy Guidelines" and confirms to the best of its knowledge that the information contained in the project pre-application is accurate, that it intends to diligently pursue that project, and that a local share is required to match federal funds.

**SECTION 3.** That 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 of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for the reason that it is to apply for this funding, and provided that it receives the approval of three-fourths of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**PASSED:** 1/16/08  
DATE

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MAYOR AND PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2008 - 16 was duly enacted on this 16 day of January, 2008 by the Council of the City of Kent, Ohio.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL