

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-__27

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, (STP) AND CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO IMPROVE SUMMIT STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Summit Street is a minor arterial within the City of Kent that serves as an important thoroughfare for the City and Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, this major thoroughfare currently experiences congestion, poor access management and safety concerns in the City of Kent; and

WHEREAS, total project costs are estimated at \$11,644,100; and

WHEREAS, Summit Street is in need of new signals with central coordination, turn lanes as appropriate and improved vehicular and pedestrian access management.

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

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

- (a) Summit Street Traffic Signal Coordination which includes signal coordination, turn lanes as warranted, pedestrian and vehicular access management, traffic calming techniques, reconfiguring the Summit Street/Lincoln Street Intersection and the realignment of Loop Road to create a four-leg intersection with E. Campus Center Drive. The project will include improvements from the Summit Street/Lincoln Street Intersection east to Loop Road. Additionally the project will include connection of a fiber-optic interconnect line from Lincoln Street west to SR 43 along Summit Street. The current opinion of probable project cost is \$11,644,100.

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 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 which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: 02/20/2008
DATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEM

ATTEST: _____
ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-27 was duly enacted this 20th day of

February, 2008, by the Council of the City of Kent, Ohio.

ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL