

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR HB 74 STATE
FISCAL YEAR 2023 TID GRANT FUNDING FOR ADVANCEMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND RELATED PROJECT
DOCUMENT(S) WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF JOBS AND COMMERCE AND PROJECT PARTNERS**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (“HCTID”) is authorized by ORC Chapter 5540 to finance, construct, maintain, repair, and operate street, highway, and other transportation projects (including, but not limited to, air and rail related transportation projects) and in relation construct, reconstruct, improve, alter, and repair roads, highways, public places, buildings, and other infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Projects undertaken by the HCTID and exercise of its authority, pursuant to ORC Chapter 5540, are considered to be essential and to contribute to the improvement of the prosperity, health, safety, and welfare of the people of the County, and local political subdivisions within the County and the State, and are essential governmental functions that will also promote industry, commerce, distribution, and research activity within the County, the region and the State;

WHEREAS, the existence of the HCTID, under ORC Chapter 5540, empowers the various political subdivisions and their respective residents within the County, to participate in a cooperative county-wide coalition to take advantage of the opportunities and benefits made available only through a Transportation Improvement District (“TID”) to plan, construct and improve highways, roads, bridges, interchanges and other transportation improvements and accompanying capital improvements and development throughout the County and its environs, utilizing a program-level development approach for integration of local transportation projects;

WHEREAS, these type of transportation projects, as contemplated by ORC Chapter 5540, are transportation and infrastructure improvement projects that involve a coordinated, cooperative, multi-jurisdictional approach towards project integration, development, design and construction, land use planning, environmental stewardship, financial strategy implementation, economic development and public-private partnership opportunities to advance the Projects in an innovative, efficient and cost effective manner;

WHEREAS, it is also envisioned and intended that the ongoing efforts of the HCTID will assist and provide greater efficiencies to the ongoing transportation infrastructure and related improvement efforts in the County, including, but not limited to, the City, and its commitment and relationship with Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), Ohio Department of Development or its successor, the Ohio Kentucky and Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”) and, various local political subdivisions, including, but not limited to, the Cities of Montgomery and Cincinnati, Ohio other agencies and offices within the County, the business community, and neighboring communities and counties in advancing transportation improvements, and related economic development and job retention and

creation, which is vital to the long term mobility and economic prosperity of the County, local political subdivisions within the County, the region and the State;

WHEREAS, furthermore, the Ohio General Assembly, with the passage of HB 74, the State Transportation Budget legislation for State Fiscal Years 2022-23, again provided for supplemental funding by ODOT of selected TID Projects, which requires eligible TIDs, such as the HCTID, requesting such project funding for State Fiscal Year 2023 (“FY23”) to make application to ODOT on or before March 31, 2022 (“TID Supplemental Funding”);

WHEREAS, the HCTID, pursuant to ORC Section 5540.03 is authorized to take such actions, receive such funding, and enter into all agreements necessary or incidental to performance of its functions and the execution of its powers to effect its purposes and Projects; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the HCTID Board of Trustees (the “Board”) that the following two transportation improvement projects are hereby approved and designated as HCTID Projects, for further study and advancement, in conjunction and cooperation with the identified partner jurisdictions or other appropriate agencies or entities as appropriately authorized:

1.) the *Westwood Northern Blvd. and North Bend Road Intersection Improvement Project*, which would be a multi-jurisdictional project located, in part, in Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (“Green Twsp.”) the City of Cheviot and the County, that consists of improvements to Westwood Northern Boulevard, including, but not limited to, lane reconfigurations and additions to address capacity and connectivity, signal and signage upgrades and other related improvements and upgrades in relation to the Westwood Northern Blvd. and North Bend Road Intersection. Further it is contemplated that the project, if funded, would be co-managed by the HCTID in collaboration and conjunction with Green Twsp and Cheviot (“Cheviot”); and,

2.) the *Dry Fork Road Corridor from the Simonson Southwest Parkway Intersection through the West Road Intersection*, which would be a multi-jurisdictional project located, in part, in the City of Harrison (“City of Harrison”), Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (“Crosby Twsp.”) and Harrison Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (“Harrison Twsp.”) and the County and ODOT, which is a project to improve the operation of the interchange of I-74 with Dry Fork Road. This includes turn lanes at each ramp intersection, extension of the turn lanes along Dry Fork north and south of the interchange, ramp widening for both the east bound and west bound ramps, and ramp meters to preserve the capacity of I-74. Further, it is contemplated that the project, if funded, would be co-managed by the HCTID in collaboration and conjunction with a combination of ODOT, Harrison Twsp., the City of Harrison and Crosby Twsp., as appropriate. Further, it is contemplated that the project, if funded, would be co-managed by the HCTID in collaboration and conjunction with a combination of Harrison Twsp., the City of Harrison and Crosby Twsp.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the HCTID Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and submit, as he determines appropriate and feasible, applications and any related documentation that may be required to ODOT’s Office of Jobs and Commerce for TID Supplemental Funding through HB 74 for FY 23 that may be available to

the HCTID for these aforementioned HCTID projects: the *Westwood Northern Blvd. and North Bend Road Intersection Improvement Project* and the *Dry Fork Road Corridor from the Simonson Southwest Parkway Intersection through the West Road Intersection*, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 per project or such lesser amounts as determined appropriate by the HCTID Secretary-Treasurer for each project, and in consultation with HCTID legal counsel prepare and execute such documentation, instruments and project funding agreements with ODOT or other project partners as the HCTID Secretary-Treasurer, in his sole and absolute discretion, deems necessary or appropriate to provide for access to or receipt of the HB 74 TID Grant Funding or other project funding, and for its subsequent use and reimbursement, and, if applicable, such other transportation projects that are part of the HCTID Program that the HCTID Secretary-Treasurer may consider to be appropriate for application for such HB 74 TID Grant Funding and that the taking of any such action and the execution and delivery of any such documents and project agreements by the HCTID Secretary-Treasurer shall be conclusive evidence of the Board's determination that such actions are proper and necessary in order for the HCTID to carry out the purposes of this resolution and of the authorization thereof by the Board.

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees of the HCTID concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code

Adopted at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District, Hamilton County, Ohio, this 28th day of February, 2022.

Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District
Presiding Trustee

Attest:

Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion to Pass Resolution: _____

Seconded by: _____

