

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

RESOLUTION No. R25-03 CMS

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 2, LOCAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE BOND AMENDMENT, FOR RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, ON THE MAY 6, 2025 STATEWIDE BALLOT TO GO INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT

WHEREAS the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) is a state-local government partnership program administered through the Ohio Public Works Commission that provides essential grants, loans, and loan assistance to fund local infrastructure projects in communities across Ohio; and

WHEREAS the program has, for nearly 40 years, provided over \$7 billion for improvements to keep Ohio's infrastructure safe and in good condition for residents and visitors while benefitting public health and safety, encouraging economic development and creating construction jobs throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a "yes" vote will allow the state to issue up to \$2.5 billion in general obligation bonds, limited to \$250 million per year over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the renewal of the SCIP will not raise property taxes or income taxes for Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, renewal is critical to prevent a gap in infrastructure investment, as the current authorization is set to expire on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, funding for the SCIP relies on an amendment to Ohio's Constitution about every ten years, and has been approved by voters three times since its creation in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin has benefitted from the SCIP, receiving nearly \$3,000,000 in grants and 0% interest loans in the current 10-year cycle for road infrastructure projects to improve the quality of life and safety for Oberlin residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, 5/7ths of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Oberlin City Council hereby pledges its support to Ohio Issue 2, Local Infrastructure Bond Amendment for renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program and urges the electorate to vote YES on Ohio Issue 2 on May 6, 2025.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the attention of Robert Klaiber, PE/PS, Assistant Lorain County Engineer and OPWC District 9 Integrating Committee Liaison, 247 Hadaway St., Elyria, OH 44035 or to rklaiber@loraincounty.us.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of the 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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. To allow for timely submission of this Resolution in support of Ohio Issue 2 on the May 6, 2025 ballot and provided that at least five (5) members of Council determine by motion, this Resolution shall go into full force and effect immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: March 17, 2025
2nd Reading: _____
3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



EBONI A. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 03/18/2025

EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/17/2025