

RESOLUTION NO. 02 - 25

By: Monique Lampke

A Resolution to support the LinkUS Bus Rapid Transit route on Main Street, including the planned median station on Main Street west of Pleasant Ridge Avenue.

Whereas: COTA, with the support of the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the City of Columbus, the Columbus Partnership, and a variety of additional institutional partners throughout Central Ohio, has been working on developing a regional Bus Rapid Transit System within and throughout the Central Ohio Region, referred to as "LinkUS"; and

Whereas: East Main Street is one of the initial planned routes, due to its strong connection through communities on the east side of the region, coupled with existing density and planned density along the corridor; and

Whereas: In 2024, voters within the COTA service area were provided the opportunity to support a sales tax ballot issue that would provide permanent funding for the proposed LinkUS project; and

Whereas: Franklin County voters supported the COTA LinkUS sales tax initiative with 57% voter approval, and Bexley voter supported the initiative even more robustly, with 68% voter approval; and

Whereas: The right-of-way in Bexley is narrower than points east and west, leading to more restricted options for LinkUS; and

Whereas: The City of Bexley desires to be a strong partner in helping to support high-quality regional public transportation, and recognizes the importance of the LinkUS Bus Rapid Transit proposal in achieving that goal; and

Whereas: The Mayor and the administration have been working for several years to coordinate with COTA and ensure a LinkUS solution for Bexley that functions well within the restrictive footprint of the East Main Street Right-of-Way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY:

Section 1.

That Council authorizes the Mayor to negotiate with COTA for use of the right-of-way at the intersection of Pleasant Ridge and Main Street for a LinkUS stop, subject to future Council approval and inclusive of reasonable accountability measures relative to the use and maintenance of any COTA infrastructure.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Monique Lampke, President of Council

Attest: _____
Matt McPeck, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____, 2025

Ben Kessler, Mayor

First Reading: February 25, 2025
Second Reading:
Third Reading: