

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

Introduced By: Mark Masser

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CMAQ) FUNDING AND COMMITTING THE NECESSARY NON-FEDERAL MATCH AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Bexley has submitted an application to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (herein referred to as MORPC) for \$30,240.00 in funding from the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) to:

Construct two (2) CoGo Bike Share Stations on East Main Street. The CoGo bike share station has been a goal of the city and its residents for several years. We strongly believe that the construction of two (2) CoGo stations would be widely utilized given the urbanized nature of the city as well as its proximity to current/proposed CoGo stations within the City of Columbus.

If awarded this project will offer residents, employers, employees and visitors the option of commuting throughout the city and abutting communities via a bicycle as opposed to an automobile or truck. In turn this would help alleviate congestion, including valuable on street parking and improve air quality. A commuter looking to get from point A to point B could simply rent a bicycle for a period of time and return it to any given CoGo station once complete throughout not only the City of Bexley but also the City of Columbus.

It is our understanding from conversation with MORPC staff that the Bexley share of the preliminary engineering (\$5,000.00) would be funded at one hundred percent (100%) local level, and construction at eight percent (80%) federal level and twenty percent (20%) local level (\$7,560.00).

WHEREAS, the construction of these stations would provide congestion mitigation around Capital University and the city's various school campuses (Bexley City Schools, Saint Charles and Columbus School for Girls), as well address our concerns regarding traffic movement in and around our city as the City of Columbus, and

WHEREAS, MORPC has determined the proposed CoGo Bike Share Stations, if approved, would be an appropriate project for CMAQ program funding, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA), and the regulations promulgated there under, eligible project sponsors wishing to receive federal CMAQ funds for a project shall submit an application with the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for review and inclusion in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, MORPC is the MPO for the Central Ohio region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bexley is an eligible project sponsor for CMAQ funds; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has adopted application procedures for MORPC-Attributable Funding Programs, including the CMAQ program; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application for CMAQ funding, MORPC requires a Resolution of local support adopted by the responsible implementing agency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bexley, Ohio is an eligible sponsor of both Surface Transportation Program (STP) and CMAQ of the SAFETEA, any extensions of SAFETEA or any successor legislation for continued funding; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bexley, Ohio is authorized to execute and file an application with MORPC for funding of these proposed CoGo Bike Share Stations under the STP/CMAQ funded projects; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that there is no pending or threatened litigation that might in any way adversely affect the proposed, or the ability of Bexley to deliver such; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bexley, Ohio authorizes Ben Kessler, Mayor, to execute and file an application with MORPC for STP/CMAQ funding for the CoGo Bike Share Stations as referenced in this resolution; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to MORPC in conjunction with the filing of the application; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that MORPC is requested to support the application for the CoGo Bike Share Stations described in the resolution and to include the CoGo Bike Share Stations, if approved, in MORPC's TIP.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Passed: _____, 2014

Richard Sharp, President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approved: _____, 2014

Benjamin J. Kessler, Mayor

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