

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent Service Department would like to apply for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to be used for the North Mantua Street Project. If awarded, the grant would be worth \$500,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to apply and accept said grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council approves submission of the application for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant funds through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), execution of the subsequent agreements, and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

**SECTION 2.** That Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grants, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

**SECTION 3.** That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

**SECTION 4.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 5.** That this ordinance 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: February 19, 2025  
Date

J. T. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: February 19, 2025  
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman  
Kathleen Coleman  
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-015, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON February 19, 2025.

(SEAL)

Kathleen Coleman  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

CITY OF KENT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

MEMO

TO: Dave Ruller  
Kathy Coleman

FROM: Jim Bowling *JB*

DATE: February 14, 2025

RE: North Mantua Street - Grant Application

The Service Department is requesting City Council Approval to submit to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant for the North Mantua Street Project ("Project"). We are requesting to ask for \$500,000, which is based on the direct costs of SRTS improvements in the Project. The project is currently funded through design and the right-of-way costs are a donation. Therefore, the construction is the last phase of the project to be funded.

The current opinion of probable construction cost is approximately \$5 million. Funds have been obtained from AMATS as part of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and ODOT's Municipal Paving Program. These grants, plus their required local match, total \$2.78 million. Therefore, we are looking for outside opportunities, like the SRTS program, to help fund the remaining \$2.22 million.

This project is being proposed for the SRTS program at this time for several reasons. Most notably is the public's long-standing desire to have this area improved. In addition, this project has been progressing since 2022, when we entered into a partnership agreement with the Kent School District (KSD) and the Davey Tree Corporation ("Davey") to address the needs in this area. The project is currently included in the capital plan for construction in 2027, assuming additional funds can be obtained to complete the project. Lastly, we have spoken with the ODOT on the applicability of this project to the SRTS program. ODOT noted there are several favorable aspects of the project, including, but not limited to, the impacts on improving walkability for students to the high school and middle school, the partnerships with the KSD and Davey, and the other funding that is being leveraged with this project.

We appreciate City Council's consideration of this request.

C: Melanie Baker  
Sandy Lance  
Hope Jones  
Patti Long  
Mike Woodring (AECOM)