

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, acting through the Department of Planning and Development, to apply for, accept and expend funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the MassWorks Grant Program from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for Tanner Street realignment Phase 2.

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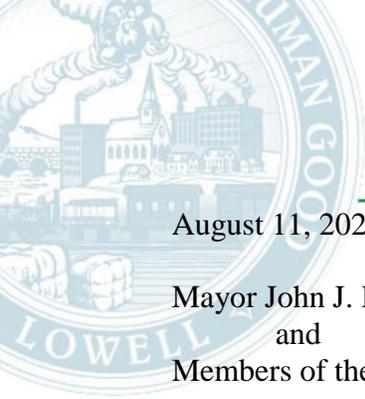
The City of Lowell is seeking funding for the construction and resident engineer services for the Tanner Street Realignment Project; and

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, and Acting through the Department of Planning and Development be and hereby is, authorized to apply for, accept and expend funds in the amount of \$5 Million (\$5,000,000.00) from the MassWorks Grant Program from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for Phase 2 Tanner Street realignment, to realign Tanner Street and for the construction and resident engineer services for the Tanner Street Realignment Project.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant from the MassWorks Grant Program, from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, including the expenditure thereof.



August 11, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy  
and  
Members of the City Council

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin  
Assistant City Manager

REFERENCE: Approval to apply for, accept and expend a MassWorks Grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for Tanner Street Realignment – Phase 2

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is requesting approval to apply for, accept and expend a MassWorks Grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for \$5,000,000.00 for the Tanner Street Realignment – Phase 2.

The City continues to make progress on the realignment of Tanner Street, a key component of the Ayer City Industrial Park (ACIP) urban renewal plan. This realignment is crucial toward creating a more attractive gateway into the district with better access for commercial and industrial redevelopment, turning a blighted area into an industrial asset for the City. To further this objective, the City has repeatedly met with developers' interested in bringing significant development to the district. As a result of discussions regarding both the urban renewal goals and realignment plan for the district, the City is eager to make this realignment project a reality.

After receiving MassWorks funding for phase 1 of the project last year, we are looking to obtain funding for phase 2 of the project in order to complete the construction of this new 1,100 linear foot section of roadway that will form a four-way intersection with the Target Plaza and tie back in with the existing Tanner Street at the intersection of Tanner and Lincoln Streets. If successful, this would be a significant step in stimulating the Ayers City Industrial Park.

I respectfully request that the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend \$5,000,000 from the MassWorks Grant Program to seek construction and resident engineer services toward the Tanner Street Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director  
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor  
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director  
Natasha Vance, Transportation Engineer  
Joseph Giniewicz, Urban Renewal Project Manager