

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager, acting through the Department of Planning and Development, to accept and expend Fiscal Year 2018 earmarked funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The City of Lowell desires to accept and expend said earmarked funds for the creation of a study that examines pedestrians and bicycles, to ensure safe passage across the Rourke Bridge, which will be incorporated into its new design being developed in cooperation with MassDOT.

The City of Lowell was able to obtain the funds as a result of the efforts of Representative Rady Mom; and

The earmarked funds must be expended during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager, acting through the Department of Planning and Development, is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell to accept and expend Fiscal Year 2018 earmarked funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the creation of a study that examines pedestrians and bicycles, to ensure safe passage across the Rourke Bridge, which will be incorporated into its new design being developed in cooperation with MassDOT.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in furtherance of the bicycle/pedestrian study to support Rourke Bridge design referred to above.



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin
Assistant City Manager

October 16, 2018

Mayor William Samaras
and
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Accept and Expend Fiscal Year 2018 Earmarked State Funds for Bicycle/Pedestrian Study to Support Rourke Bridge Design

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

I respectfully request that the City Council Vote to approve and accept Fiscal Year 2018 earmarked funds in the amount of \$100,000, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The City was able to obtain this funding as a result of the efforts of Representative Rady Mom, who secured earmarked funds for creation of a study that examines existing pedestrian access issues associated with the Rourke Bridge and develops enhanced connections for pedestrians and bicycles, to ensure safe passage across the bridge, which will be incorporated into its new design being developed in cooperation with MassDOT. The City's Department of Planning and Development will manage these funds.

This study will ensure that safe connections are provided from the Upper Highlands neighborhood, south of the Bridge, to the Pawtucketville neighborhood, north of the bridge. It will also examine connecting retail, schools, and parks on both sides of the Merrimack River, and will include outreach to the adjacent neighborhoods and schools.

These funds have already been secured by the City and are ready for use, subject to the City Council's approval of acceptance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Andrew Shapiro, Economic Development Director