

Date: July 26, 2022

Resolution No. 22-635

Title: Resolution to Support Bridge Investment Grant Application by Ohio Department of Transportation for Robert Craig Memorial Bridge

Department/Agency: Lucas County Engineer's Office

Contact: Mike Pniewski, P.E., P.S., Lucas County Engineer

Summary/Background: The Ohio Department of Transportation is seeking funding from the FY 2022 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Bridge Investment Program for the Robert Craig Memorial Bridge.

The Robert Craig Memorial Bridge is a double leaf trunnion bascule, which carries two lanes of northbound vehicular traffic and two lanes of southbound vehicular traffic on State Route 65 (SR 65). The bridge is 1,680-foot-long and spans the Maumee River shipping channel and is located approximately one mile downstream from downtown Toledo, OH. The bridge has 5-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides. A closed median with non-mountable barrier separates the sidewalks from the four-lanes for automobile use on the bridge. The Bridge is flanked on the southeast side by the Thomas Edison and Ravine Parks.

Due to the unique nature of the bridge and its age, the bridge has become increasingly more difficult to repair leading to lengthy closures. The most recent bridge closure was on March 21, 2022, which resulted in the bridge being stuck in the up position for over two weeks as ODOT performed repairs to an electrical component that became overloaded and melted.

If awarded, funds would be used to support the development of a feasibility study and the completion of 30% engineering design plans for the rehabilitation of this 1956-era bridge.

Budget Impact: N/A

Statutory Authority/ORC: N/A

Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby supports the Bridge Investment Program application made by the Ohio Department of Transportation for Robert Craig Memorial Bridge in Toledo, Ohio and requests a full and fair evaluation of the application by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Section 2. This Board hereby recognizes the benefits this award will have on the needed rehabilitation of the bridge and providing safer transportation networks and connectivity for neighborhoods on the east bank of the Maumee River including East Toledo, Birmingham, and River East, and the west side of the River including the Bush and Vistula Historical Districts, and the North End.

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Section 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Action Taken:

Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak voted yes

Commissioner Gerken voted yes

Commissioner Byers voted yes



Jody L. Balogh, Clerk