

**RESOLUTION NO. 44-2022**

Introduced by Joel Hagy

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATING TO THE FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THEIR PLAN TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS THE US 6 CONNECTIVITY CORRIDOR PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has submitted a funding request to the U.S. Department of Transportation relating to their plan to make transportation improvements in Erie County, Ohio (the “US 6 Connectivity Corridor Project”) that includes the Sandusky Bay Pathway project improvements along 6.3 miles of U.S. State Route 6 and extension of the Sandusky Bay Pathway; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the funding request as the proposed improvements enhance safety, increase efficiency, and improve multi-modal transportation options; and

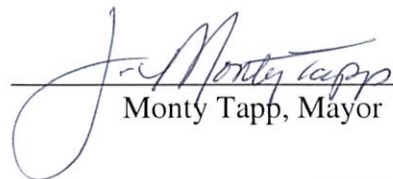
**WHEREAS**, the City desires to express support for ODOT’s funding request in the form of a Letter of Support to the U.S. Department of Transportation, a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”


**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Huron:

**SECTION 1.** That Council approves the attached Letter of Support directed to the U.S. Department of Transportation and authorizes Matthew Lasko, City Manager, to execute same and submit to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**SECTION 2.** That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

  
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Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: 12 APR 2022





April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: ***RAISE Submission of the US 6 Connectivity Corridor Including Sandusky Bay Pathway Project Located in Erie County, Ohio***

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please allow this letter to serve as support for the funding request from the Ohio Department of Transportation on their plan to make transportation improvements in Erie County, Ohio. The US 6 Connectivity Corridor Including Sandusky Bay Pathway project includes improvements along 6.3 miles of U.S. State Route 6 and extension of the Sandusky Bay Pathway. The proposed improvements will enhance safety, increase efficiency, and improve multi-modal transportation options.

The project improvements are a result of a 2019 U.S. 6 Corridor Study that was developed through a regional partnership with significant public involvement. The regional partnership included four different political subdivisions (City of Sandusky, City of Huron, Perkins Township, and Huron Township), the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Erie County Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (ERPC MPO).

This portion of the U.S. Highway serves through traffic, and is a local arterial serving residential and commercial development which is subject to significant seasonal traffic demand related to the Cedar Point Amusement Park and Sports Force Parks at the Cedar Point Sports Center. The corridor also runs parallel to Lake Erie and is considered vital infrastructure as it supports an \$11 billion tourism economy as one of the premier tourist destinations in the State of Ohio.

Additionally, the project would encourage alternative forms of transportation and increase community connectivity. A shared multi-use path along the corridor that transitions into the Sandusky Bay Pathway provides for a direct connection between downtown Sandusky and the City of Huron. Aside from obvious health and recreational benefits, the new multi-modal facility would also expand access to workplaces, fitness centers, parks, and educational centers for those currently underserved populations that lie within the project area.

Overall, this project will provide a solid long-term investment for the Great Lakes Region. I strongly hope you consider funding this project and I am optimistic that you will agree it is a worthwhile project to pursue.

Sincerely,

CITY OF HURON, OHIO  
CITY COUNCIL



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Monty Tapp, Mayor