

RESOLUTION NO. 208-2024(PSH), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with OHM Advisors for traffic consulting services including the preparation of the South Taylor Road TLCI Road Diet Project Traffic Study, and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (“NOACA”), through its Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (“TLCI”), created a shared transportation vision for the Taylor Road Corridor within the Cities of University Heights, East Cleveland, and Cleveland Heights (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights (the “City”) and the City of University Heights applied for and received a TLCI Implementation Grant to implement Phase 1 of the Project, from Euclid Heights Boulevard south to Meadowbrook Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, as part of the grant requirements, a traffic study is necessary in order to receive Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) approval; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 11, 2024, a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was issued by the City for a consultant to provide traffic engineering services for the preparation of the South Taylor Road TLCI Road Diet Project Traffic Study; and

WHEREAS, the City received six (6) responses, which were all deemed complete; and

WHEREAS, each of the responses were reviewed by the Department of Planning & Development staff; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating responses, Planning & Development staff recommended to the Mayor that OHM Advisors, with offices located at 6001 Euclid Avenue, Suite 130, Cleveland, OH 44103, would provide the best service to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended that the services offered by OHM Advisors best meets the City’s needs; and

WHEREAS, OHM Advisors proposed providing such services for up to \$46,090; and

WHEREAS, such services are proposed to be paid for via American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds and, therefore, will have no impact on the City’s operating budget; and

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WHEREAS, this Council supports retaining an engineering consultant to prepare the South Taylor Road TLCI Road Diet Project Traffic Study and believes that such service would be in the interests of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to authorize a contract with OHM Advisors for traffic engineering consulting services related to the preparation of the South Taylor Road TLCI Road Diet Project Traffic Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with OHM Advisors to provide traffic engineering services related to the preparation of the South Taylor Road TLCI Road Diet Project Traffic Study. Compensation for the services detailed therein shall not exceed \$46,090. All agreements hereunder shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to encumber ARPA funds prior to December 31, 2024. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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President of Council



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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

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PASSED: November 4, 2024

Presented to Mayor: 11/07/2024      Approved: 11/14/2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kahlil Seren".

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor