

**CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – XX**

A RESOLUTION BY CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, A SECOND-CLASS TOWNSHIP OF THE COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE COMMITMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS TO THE FEDERAL 2020 BUILD PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUTLER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA AND CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP REGARDING THE FEDERAL 2020 BUILD GRANT FOR THE GATEWAY 228 PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL FURTHER DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS TO FACILITATE AND ADVANCE THE FEDERAL 2020 BUILD PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the County applied for a United States Department of Transportation Federal 2020 BUILD (BUILD 2) Grant for the Gateway Route 228 Project (hereinafter referred to as “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project includes a section of SR 3020 (Freedom Road) between Haine School Road to Powell Road, located in Cranberry Township, Butler County Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors committed to a local match from Cranberry Township for the BUILD II grant for the Haine School to Powell Road section of Freedom Road pursuant to Resolution 2019-15 Adopted on February 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County was notified in September of 2020 it had received a Grant award in the amount of \$25 million dollars for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Funding Grant Agreement was executed between the United States Department of Transportation (the “USDOT”) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) on July 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Grant award requires the Federal funds were obligated by the Federal Grant Obligation deadline of September 30, 2022, and all construction funds must be expended by September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the County and Township were notified by PennDOT and FHWA that the required pre-construction and construction activities for the Freedom Road section of the Project, required a local commitment to procure consultants, and commit the financial resources for the activities, to meet the Grant obligation; and,

WHEREAS, the County is required to provide local matching funds for the Grant award; and,

WHEREAS, the local match commitment required from Cranberry Township has grown pursuant to an escalation of the initial construction estimates based on actual bids received by PennDOT; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township has committed up to Four Million Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,050,000) in matching funds for pre-construction and construction activities of Freedom Road section of the Project as part of the required County local match; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors has agreed to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Butler County, Pennsylvania dated November 30, 2022 (attached as Exhibit A) to establish the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the parties with regards the BUILD 2 Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Township Manager as the official to execute all documents necessary to advance the Project in collaboration with Butler County, PennDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration.

APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry at the public meeting on _____, 2023.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY

Daniel D. Santoro,
Township Manager

Michael D. Manipole,
Chairman, Board of Supervisors