

**RESOLUTION 2025-057**

**A Resolution Approving the Applications through the Congressional Direct Spending Funding Appropriation Through Congressman Carey's Office**

The Board of Trustee of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in person in a Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 2193 Frank Road, Columbus, Ohio. The trustee marked below made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

- Trustee Fleshman**                       **Trustee Leezer**                       **Trustee Blevins**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, approves and authorizes the application for grant funding from the Congressional Direct Spending Funding Appropriation for a boulevard project through the Westland Mall property from West Broad Street to Georgesville Road.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this application shall be submitted through Ohio Congressman Mike Carey's office.

**Section 1**, That all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 2**, That this Resolution shall be declared an emergency and be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption.

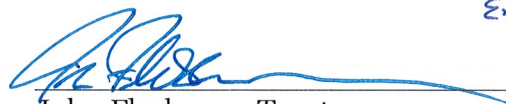
*The following trustee marked below seconded the motion: (check one)*

- Trustee Fleshman**                       **Trustee Leezer**                       **Trustee Blevins**

*Roll was called for the adoption of the resolution, and the vote was as follows:*

**Fleshman:**  YES/  NO                      **Leezer:**  YES/  NO                      **Blevins:**  YES/  NO

*Excused*

  
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John Fleshman, Trustee

  
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James Leezer, Trustee

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Mike Blevins, Trustee

*Adopted on April 17, 2025*



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April 10, 2025

The Honorable Mike Carey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1433 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carey,

I write to you in support of the Franklin Township Board of Trustee's request for a Community Funded Project to construct a new public boulevard angling across the southwest quadrant of the W. Broad Street & Georgesville Road intersection.

As the region's mobility solutions provider, COTA is driven each day to connect people to prosperity through innovation, dedication and teamwork. By utilizing technology and data, establishing community partnerships and applying sustainability principles, COTA provides equitable access to jobs, healthcare, and education. We serve a region of more than 1.4 million people and provide fixed-route, paratransit and microtransit service.

This community investment is critical as Broad Street is one of the most dangerous roadways in Ohio, with the 5th highest number of fatal crashes, the 7th highest number of serious injury crashes, and the highest number of pedestrian-involved crashes in the state. Additional public roads will allow our riders to more safely and efficiently access our system.

This new public road will provide the following benefits:

- Improve safety and reduce congestion at the nearby W. Broad Street & Georgesville Road intersection.
- Greatly complement multimodal options in the area through coordination with the West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project as part of LinkUS, and new safe pedestrian paths, bike lanes, first mile/last mile connections to additional COTA bus routes beyond the BRT corridor.
- Spur transit supportive development of the old Westland Mall property adding strategic investment to the community, jobs, complete community housing, safety, security, daycare facilities, farmers' market stations, and entertainment.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Franklin Township's request. I am happy to answer any questions about our support.

Sincerely,

Patrick Harris  
Chief External Relations Officer | Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)