

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 -2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLVANIA  
URGING GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION ("ODOT") TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION  
TO END THE ROUTE 23 CONNECT STUDY; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, leaders in our region were encouraged when ODOT announced in 2021 that it would conduct the Route 23 Connect Study to determine the feasibility of a free-flowing connection between the Toledo and Columbus regions; and,

WHEREAS, this project is a priority for our regional partner organizations, and we are disappointed in the decision of ODOT to end the study more than a year early without plans for a long-term solution for improved travel on this corridor; and,

WHEREAS, a free-flowing connection between northwest Ohio and Columbus would allow our businesses to benefit from economic development occurring in central Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, improvements to this route will also support the northwest Ohio's economy by providing central Ohio businesses and consumers with better access to markets in northwest Ohio and beyond, and ease of travel to our recreation and tourism experiences; and,

WHEREAS, this corridor is the only connection linking an Ohio metro city with Columbus that requires travelers to go through 38 stoplights between Waldo and the I-270 beltway around Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that over the next 20 years central Ohio is expected to grow by more than a million households and a million jobs, and options to improve safety and travel times on this corridor will only become more limited with this growth; and,

WHEREAS, the planned opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge in 2024 will create economic opportunities for Ohio, and plans are needed to improve this route to avoid interrupting the flow of commerce and exports between Ohio and Canada; and,

WHEREAS, this route is an important component of the anticipated extension of the I-73/I-74/I-75 corridor, and increasing congestion will impeded the movement of travelers and goods between Ohio and the southeastern United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, 7 members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That northwest Ohio and the State of Ohio would benefit from a free-flowing connection to Columbus, and the Council of the City of Sylvania urges ODOT to reconsider its decision to end the Route 23 Connect Study and work with our regional leaders to identify a long-term solution.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and she hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, the Director of ODOT, and our community's state senators and representatives.

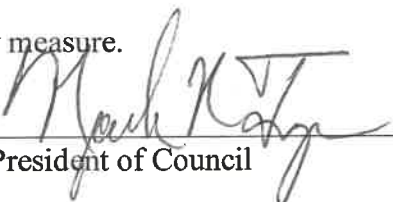
SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council in the Municipal Building pursuant to ARTICLE III, Section 12, of the Charter of this City.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, property and welfare and for the further reason that . Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after it is approved by the Mayor or as otherwise provided by this Charter.

Vote on passage as an emergency: Yeas 7 Nays 0

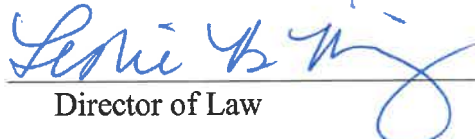
Passed June 20, 2022, as an emergency measure.

  
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President of Council

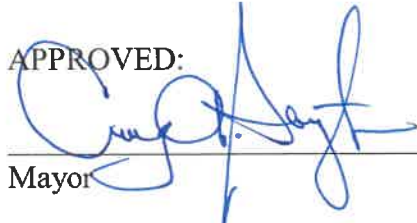
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Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Director of Law

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor

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Date June 20, 2022

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION BY POSTING**

I hereby certify that the within, foregoing, above or attached, as the case may be, was published by posting a copy thereof in the office of this Clerk of Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio, in the Sylvania Municipal Building for a period of not less than 15 days to wit

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