

CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-2025

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ORCUTT

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A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AUTHORITY, TO GIVE  
CONSENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, TO  
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR UPGRADING THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM AT THE NORFOLK  
SOUTHERN RAILROAD CROSSING AT EASTLAND ROAD NEAR SR-237, IN THE  
CITY OF BROOK PARK (PID 114522)  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024 the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project: **The project consists of, in part, upgrading the highway traffic signal system at the Norfolk Southern Railroad grade crossing at Eastland Road near SR-237 in the City of Brook Park in Cuyahoga County; and**

WHEREAS, the LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows: **The City agrees to assume and bear one Hundred percent (100%) of the cost difference for the higher price signal alternate.** In view of the fact that the LPA's share of the project is now estimated in the amount of **Zero and---00/100 Dollars, (\$0.00)**, therefore, the City will not be required to deposit any funds at this time. The LPA's ultimate share of the cost will be determined when final actual costs and allocations are determined; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Transportation has approved said legislation proposing cooperation and has caused to be made plans and specifications and an estimate of cost and expense for improving the above described highway and has transmitted copies of same to this legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, This legislative authority desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: That the LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

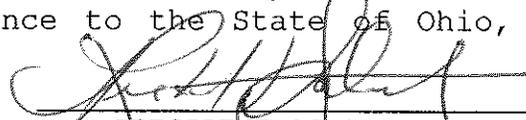
**SECTION 2:** That the LPA enter into a contract with the State, and that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized to execute said contract for improving the described project, copy of said contract is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 3:** That the LPA transmit to the Director of Transportation a fully executed copy of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 5:** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety of said City, and for the further reason that City Council deems it necessary to proceed with the upgrading the highway traffic signal system at the Norfolk Southern grade crossing at Eastland near SR-237 as soon as possible, therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this ordinance to the State of Ohio, Director of Transportation.

PASSED: August 19, 2025

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Carol Johnson  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: Edith O. Smith  
MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

Carol Johnson, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance (Resolution)

No. 18-2025  
passed on the 19 day of August  
20 25 by said council.

8-20-25  
DATE

Carol Johnson  
Clerk of Council

	Yea	Nay
Troyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Roberts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Poindexter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS.  
  
DIRECTOR OF LAW



PID No. 115146

**CONTRACT**  
(Chapter 5521, Ohio Revised Code)

This contract is made by and between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, acting through its director (hereinafter referred to as the "STATE"), 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, and the City of **Brook Park**, (hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority or Local Public Agency (LPA).

**WITNESSTH:**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 5521 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the legislative authority may cooperate with the STATE in a highway project made by and under the supervision of the STATE; and

**WHEREAS**, through the enactment of preliminary legislation, the LPA and the STATE have agreed to cooperate in the highway project described below; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the final legislation, the LPA hereby enters into this contract with the STATE to provide for payment (if applicable) of the agreed portion of the cost of the highway project and any additional obligations for the highway project described below.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the performances of mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by parties hereto as follows:

**SECTION I:        RECITALS**

The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as a material part of this contract.

**SECTION II:        PURPOSE**

The purpose of this contract is to set forth requirements associated with the highway project described below (hereinafter referred to as the "PROJECT") and to establish the responsibilities for the administration of the PROJECT by the LPA and the STATE.

**SECTION III:        LEGAL REFERENCES**

This contract is established pursuant to Chapter 5521 of the Ohio Revised Code.



**SECTION IV: SCOPE OF WORK**

The work to be performed under this contract shall consist of the following:

The project consists of, in part, upgrading the traffic signal system at the Norfolk Southern Railroad grade crossing on Eastland Road near the Berea Freeway (S.R. 237), lying within the City of Brook Park.

**SECTION V: FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION**

1. The STATE agrees to provide the necessary funds as enumerated in this section and allowed by law for the financing of this project.
2. The STATE may allocate the money contributed (if applicable) by the LPA in whatever manner it deems necessary in financing the cost of construction, right-of-way, engineering, and incidental expenses, notwithstanding the percentage basis of contribution by the LPA.
3. The total cost and expenses for the project are only an estimate and the total cost and expenses may be adjusted by the STATE. If any adjustments are required, payment of additional funds shall correspond with the percentages of actual costs when said actual costs are determined, and as requested, by the STATE.
4. In view of the fact that the LPA's share of the project is now estimated in the amount of **Zero and - - - 00/100 Dollars (\$0.00)**, therefore, the City will not be required to deposit any funds at this time. The LPA's ultimate share of the cost will be determined when final actual costs and allocations are determined.
5. **The LPA agrees to assume and bear one Hundred percent (100%) of the cost difference for the higher priced signal alternate.**
6. The LPA agrees to assume and bear One Hundred Percent (100%) of the cost of any construction items required by the LPA on the entire project, which are not necessary for the improvement, as determined by the STATE and Federal Highway Administration.
7. The LPA agrees that change orders and extra work contracts required fulfilling the construction contracts shall be processed as needed. The STATE shall not approve a change order or extra work contract until it first gives notice, in writing, to the LPA. The LPA shall contribute its share of the cost of these items in accordance with other sections herein.

**SECTION VI: RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITIES**

1. The LPA agrees that all right-of-way required for the described project will be acquired and/or made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations. The LPA also understands that right-of-way costs include eligible utility costs.
2. The LPA agrees that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement will comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual, including that:
  - A. Arrangements have been or will be made with all utilities where facilities are affected by the described PROJECT, that the utilities have agreed to make all necessary removals and/or relocations to clear any construction called for by the plans of this PROJECT, and that the utilities have agreed to make the necessary removals and/or relocations after notification by the LPA or STATE.
  - B. The LPA shall, at its own expense, make all removals and/or relocations of publicly-owned utilities which do not comply with the reimbursement provisions of the ODOT Utilities Manual. Publicly-owned facilities which do comply with the reimbursement provisions of the ODOT Utilities Manual will be removed and/or relocated at project expense, exclusive of betterments.
  - C. The removals and/or relocation of all utilities shall be done in such a manner as not to interfere with the operation of the contractor constructing the PROJECT and that the utility removals and/or relocations shall be approved by the STATE and performed in accordance with the provisions of the ODOT Construction and Materials Specifications.

**SECTION VII: ADDITIONAL PROJECT OBLIGATIONS**

1. The STATE shall initiate the competitive bid letting process and award the PROJECT in accordance with ODOT's policies and procedures.
2. The LPA agrees:
  - A. To keep said highway open to traffic at all times;

- B. To maintain for the PROJECT in accordance with the provisions of the statutes relating thereto, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116;
- C. To make ample financial and other provisions for such maintenance of the PROJECT after its completion;
- D. To maintain the right-of-way and keep it free of obstructions in a manner satisfactory to the STATE and hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes;
- E. To place and maintain all traffic control devices conforming to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices on the project in compliance with the provisions of Section 4511.11 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- F. To regulate parking in accordance with Section 4511.66 of the Ohio Revised Code, unless otherwise controlled by local ordinance or resolution.

**SECTION VIII: DISPUTES**

In the event that any disputes arise between the STATE and LPA concerning interruption of or performance pursuant to this contract, such disputes shall be resolved solely and finally by the STATE.

**SECTION IX: NOTICE**

Notice under this contract shall be directed as follows

City of Brook Park  
6161 Engle Road  
Brook Park, Ohio  
44142

Ohio Department of Transportation  
Office of Contract Sales & Estimating  
1980 West Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

**SECTION X: FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. In carrying out this contract, LPA shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, or age. LPA will ensure that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, national origin (ancestry), disability, genetic information, or age (40 years or older), sexual orientation, or military status (past, present, future). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, Upgrading, Demotion, or Transfer; Recruitment or Recruitment Advertising; Layoff or Termination; Rates of Pay or other forms of Compensation; and Selection for Training including Apprenticeship.

2. To the extent necessary under Ohio law, LPA agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. LPA will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of LPA, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin (ancestry), disability, genetic information, age (40 years or older), sexual orientation, or military status (past, present, future). If applicable, the LPA shall incorporate the foregoing requirements of this paragraph in all of its contracts for any of the work prescribed herein (other than subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials) and will require all of its subcontractors for any part of such work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for such work.
3. LPA agrees to fully comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sec. 2000. LPA shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin in its programs or activities. The STATE may monitor the Contractor's compliance with Title VI.

**SECTION XI: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. This contract constitutes the entire contract between the parties. All prior discussions and understandings between the parties are superseded by this contract.
2. Neither this contract nor any rights, duties or obligations described herein shall be assigned by either party hereto without the prior express written consent of the other party.
3. Any change to the provisions of this contract must be made in a written amendment executed by both parties.
4. This contract and any claims arising out of this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. Any provision of this contract prohibited by the law of Ohio shall be deemed void and of no effect. Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this contract or the performance thereunder shall be brought only in the courts of Ohio, and the LPA hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction. To the extent that the STATE is a party to any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this contract or the performance thereunder, such an action shall be brought only in a court of competent jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio.
5. All financial obligations of the State of Ohio, as provided in this contract, are subject to the provisions of Section 126.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. The financial obligations of the State of Ohio shall not be valid and enforceable unless funds are appropriated by the Ohio General Assembly and encumbered by the STATE. Additionally, it is understood that this financial obligation of the LPA shall not be valid and enforceable unless funds are appropriated by the LPA's legislative body.

- 6. This contract shall be deemed to have been substantially performed only when fully performed according to its terms and conditions and any modification thereof.
- 7. LPA agrees that it is currently in compliance and will continue to adhere to the requirements of Ohio Ethics law as provided by Section 102.03 and 102.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION XII: SIGNATURES**

Any person executing this contract in a representative capacity hereby warrants that he/she has been duly authorized by his/her principal to execute this contract on such principal behalf.

Any party hereto may deliver a copy of its counterpart signature page to this Agreement via fax or e-mail. Each party hereto shall be entitled to rely upon a facsimile signature on any other party delivered in such a manner as if such signature were an original.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be duly executed in duplicate.

**SEAL**  
(If Applicable)

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

**LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY  
City of Brook Park**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Transportation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved:  
Dave Yost  
Attorney General of Ohio

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan H. Klodell  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Executive Agencies Section, Transportation Unit