

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-238 **First Reading Passage Requested**
2 (M. Vinay)
3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro
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5 DATE September 8, 2025 COMMITTEE Public Works
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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any agreements, memorandums of**
8 **understanding or other documents necessary to participate with the Village of Peninsula in**
9 **applying for the Ohio Public Works Commission and Ohio Department of Transportation**
10 **Highway Safety Improvement Program grant funding for the State Route 303 Safety**
11 **Improvement Project, located in the Village of Peninsula, in Council District 1, at a cost to**
12 **the County not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Sanitary Sewer**
13 **Services, and declaring and emergency.**
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15 WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program, through the Ohio Public Works
16 Commission (“OPWC”), provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital
17 improvements to public infrastructure; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation, through the Highway Safety
20 Improvement Program (“ODOT HSIP”), provides funding to local governments for
21 infrastructure improvements to improve pedestrian and public roadway safety; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Village of Peninsula (“Peninsula”) supports regional tourism with over
24 two million visitors annually at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and provides direct access to
25 the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad; it is necessary to improve pedestrian and roadway safety
26 along State Route 303 (“S.R. 303”) due to the age of the infrastructure, traffic congestion and the
27 need for safe pedestrian accessibility; and
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29 WHEREAS, Peninsula is planning capital infrastructure improvements in the downtown
30 area along S.R. 303, between Riverview Road and Dell Road, that includes construction of an
31 intersection modification; signal, roadway, curb, ramp, sidewalk and crosswalk replacement; the
32 addition of protected midblock crossing; a dedicated turning lane; sidewalks compliant with the
33 American’s with Disability Act; and multi-use paths (“S.R. 303 Safety Improvement Project”)
34 for a total estimated cost of \$3,200,000.00; and
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36 WHEREAS, Peninsula intends to submit an application to OPWC and ODOT HSIP for
37 partial funding of the S.R. 303 Safety Improvement Project; and
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39 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2024-139, which authorized
40 the County to undertake the Q-208 Peninsula Wastewater Treatment and Sanitary Sewer System
41 Project, to provide sanitary sewer services to the residents of Peninsula due to failing septic
42 systems (“Q-208 Project”); and
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44 WHEREAS, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2022-354, which
45 authorized the County to execute a H2Ohio Standard Grant Agreement with the Ohio
46 Environmental Protection Agency, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for the Q-208 Project;
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49 WHEREAS, the Q-208 Project shall commence construction prior to the S.R. 303 Safety
50 Improvement Project; therefore, the County’s restoration costs upon completion of the Q-208
51 Project shall be greatly reduced; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is anticipated by the Executive that the County's local cash match, in the
5 amount of \$50,000.00, will be paid through the Department of Sanitary Sewer Services Sewer
6 Enterprise Fund; and

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8 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
9 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to participate in the S.R. 303 Safety
10 Improvement Project, and to authorize the Executive to execute any agreements, memorandums
11 of understanding or other documents necessary to participate with Peninsula in applying for
12 OPWC and ODOT HSIP funding for the S.R. 303 Safety Improvement Project;

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14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
15 of Ohio, that:

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17 SECTION 1

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19 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute any agreements, memorandums of
20 understanding or other documents with the Village of Peninsula ("Peninsula"), the Ohio Public
21 Works Commission ("OPWC") and Ohio Department of Transportation Highway Safety
22 Improvement Program ("ODOT HSIP") necessary to participate with Peninsula in applying for
23 OPWC and ODOT HSIP funding for the State Route 303 Safety Improvement Project, located in
24 the Village of Peninsula, in Council District 1, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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26 SECTION 2

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28 The terms of the application to be submitted to OPWC and ODOT HSIP, and associated
29 documents, shall maximize the requested amount of funds, with the remainder of the cost of the
30 improvements to be borne by Peninsula and the County through the Executive's Department of
31 Sanitary Sewer Services Sewer Enterprise Fund, with the County's share being an amount not to
32 exceed \$50,000.00. The expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the
33 Department of Sanitary Services Enterprise Fund as the County's local cash match for the
34 County's portion of the State Route 303 Safety Improvement Project is hereby authorized.

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36 SECTION 3

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38 The Clerk of Council is instructed to provide two (2) certified copies of this Resolution to
39 the Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, for submission to the OPWC and ODOT HSIP with
40 said funding applications.

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42 SECTION 4

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44 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
45 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it will
46 immediately allow for applications to be filed for OPWC and ODOT HSIP funding for the
47 construction of the State Route 303 Safety Improvement Project.

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4 SECTION 5

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6 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
7 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
8 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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10 SECTION 6

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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19 INTRODUCED September 8, 2025

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21 ADOPTED September 8, 2025

22 Signed by:

23 Monique Willis

24 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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26 APPROVED September 8, 2025

27 Signed by:

28 Steve Shapiro

29 EXECUTIVE

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31 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 9, 2025

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Rita S. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,
McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite