

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-125

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE April 27, 2026 COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a cooperative agreement with**
8 **Cuyahoga County and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District concerning the Vaughn**
9 **Roadway - Highland Roadway and the Cuyahoga River Bridge Improvement Project, at an**
10 **estimated cost to the County of \$2,300,000.00, located in Sagamore Hills Township, in**
11 **Council District 1, for the Engineer and the Summit County Surface Water Management**
12 **District, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, Summit County and Cuyahoga County jointly own and maintain the bridge
15 crossing the Cuyahoga River at the Summit County/Cuyahoga County boundary on Highland
16 Road in Summit County, also known as Vaughn Road in Cuyahoga County; and

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18 WHEREAS, said bridge over the Cuyahoga River is located in both Cuyahoga and
19 Summit Counties; and

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21 WHEREAS, a portion of Vaughn Road in the City of Brecksville, Ohio is regularly
22 inundated by flooding from the Cuyahoga River after significant rainfall events, forcing the
23 closure of the highway to all traffic and creating repeated clean up expenses for this Cuyahoga
24 County community; and

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26 WHEREAS, the City of Brecksville has petitioned both Cuyahoga County and Northeast
27 Ohio Regional Sewer District (“NEORS”) for assistance in raising the elevation of Vaughn
28 Road west of the Cuyahoga River by approximately five feet to reduce the amount of flooding;
29 and

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31 WHEREAS, Summit County, Cuyahoga County, and NEORS wish to cooperate to
32 replace the bridge and to make various changes to the roadway to alleviate the flooding of
33 Vaughn Road (the “Project”), with specifications to be determined during the design phase of the
34 Project; and

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36 WHEREAS, NEORS will provide funding for the roadway profile improvement
37 portion of the Project, which consists of raising the elevation of the roadway approximately five
38 feet and paving the portions of the roadway that are located outside of the approach slabs for the
39 bridge, including, without limitation, costs for geotechnical analysis, design, review,
40 construction, testing, inspection and construction administration (the “Road Project”), excluding
41 any roadway improvements that may be necessary on Highland Road east of the bridge; and

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43 WHEREAS, Summit County and Cuyahoga County will each provide 50% of the
44 funding for all bridge related items, including without limitation, costs for geotechnical analysis,
45 design, review, construction, testing, inspection and construction administration of the bridge,
46 which consists of the replacement of the bridge structure and approach slabs (the “Bridge
47 Project”); and

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49 WHEREAS, the Project is estimated at \$2,600,000.00 for the Road Project and
50 \$4,600,000.00 for the Bridge Project, for a total cost of the Project of \$7,200,000.00; and

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4 WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County agrees to bid the Project and to provide construction
5 administration and inspection services for the Project, which consists of both the Road Project
6 and the Bridge Project (collectively, the “Project”).

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8 WHEREAS, it is necessary for the parties to execute a cooperative agreement to set forth
9 the rights and duties of the parties concerning the Project, attached hereto as Exhibit A and
10 incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

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12 WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is
13 necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to enter
14 into an agreement with Cuyahoga County and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the
15 aforementioned Project;

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
18 of Ohio, that;

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20 SECTION 1

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22 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute an intergovernmental agreement with
23 Cuyahoga County and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to outline responsibilities for
24 the Vaugh Roadway - Highland Roadway and the Cuyahoga River Bridge Improvement Project
25 (the “Project”). The final agreement will be substantially in the same form as the agreement
26 attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as if fully restated, with such modifications
27 and revisions as shall be in furtherance of the provisions of said intergovernmental agreement
28 and not substantially adverse to the County, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the
29 execution thereof by the execution thereof by the Executive.

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31 SECTION 2

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33 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
34 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately
35 allow the Executive to execute an agreement for the Project to reduce flooding and infrastructure
36 damage located in both Summit County and Cuyahoga County.

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38 SECTION 3

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

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44 SECTION 4

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46 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
47 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
48 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
49 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
50 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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4 INTRODUCED April 27, 2026

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7 ADOPTED May 11, 2026

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14 APPROVED May 11, 2026

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21 ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 12, 2026

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

Gene Shapiro

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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