

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-135

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE May 23, 2022

COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service**
8 **contract with GPD Group for architectural design for the Preliminary Engineering**
9 **Services – Environmental Studies Phase of the High-Level Bridge Project, located in the**
10 **Cities of Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, in Council Districts 2 & 4, for an amount not to**
11 **exceed \$371,104.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the existing 909-foot-long bridge spanning the Cuyahoga River was opened
14 to traffic in 1948 and is nearly 74 years old. A cost analysis performed in 2017 recommended
15 replacing the bridge before 2030. On a scale of 1 to 9 with 9 being a new bridge, the structure is
16 rated a 5. A rating of 4 is considered a poor rating; and

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18 WHEREAS, both abutting communities have expressed an interest in participating in the
19 eventual replacement costs and both communities have requested bicycle lanes on the
20 replacement structure. Once federal funding for the Project is secured, a Local Public Agency
21 (LPA) agreement between the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Transportation
22 (ODOT) and the Executive and Engineer for the construction of the Project will be executed; and

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24 WHEREAS, it is necessary to retain an architectural firm for the design phase of the
25 Project and after sending Requests for Proposals to five firms, and the proposal of the GPD
26 Group was selected as the highest scoring proposal, in an amount not to exceed \$371,104.00; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held on April 27, 2022, awarded the
29 aforementioned professional service contract with GPD Group for the Project; and

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31 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
32 the aforementioned professional service contract with GPD Group is necessary and in the best
33 interest of the County of Summit;

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

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38 SECTION 1

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40 The award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with GPD Group
41 for architectural design for the Preliminary Engineering Services – Environmental Studies Phase
42 of the High-Level Bridge Project, located in the Cities of Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, in Council
43 Districts 2 & 4, for an amount not to exceed \$371,104.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive
44 is hereby authorized to execute said professional service contract and any other necessary related
45 documents.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
50 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that design phase of the
51 Project can proceed.
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4 SECTION 3

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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 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
15 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 May 9, 2022

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21 ADOPTED May 23, 2022

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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27 APPROVED May 24, 2022

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33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 24, 2022

Voice Vote - YES: 10-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio,
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite