

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-25

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AN OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL BRIDGE PROGRAM GRANT
AWARD FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE NAGEL ROAD BRIDGE OVER
SCHWARTZ CREEK DURING THE 2030 STATE FISCAL YEAR
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) each year awards grant funds for the rehabilitation or replacement of bridge structures that have obtained or are nearing poor condition ratings within municipalities through its Municipal Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon applied for replacement funds through said ODOT Municipal Bridge Program in relation to the Nagel Road Bridge over Schwartz Creek and the St. Francis Drive Bridge over Mills Creek as both bridges were rated by ODOT inspectors to have condition ratings of five out of a possible ten; and

WHEREAS, ODOT reviewed Avon's applications and provided notice on October 31, 2025 that the application for the replacement of the Nagel Road Bridge had been approved and that the application for the St. Francis Drive Bridge had been rejected, said notification letters are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has requested that the City of Avon provide a letter formally accepting the grant award for the replacement of the Nagel Road Bridge over Schwartz Creek by close of business on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the grant award will provide up to One Million Three Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,301,830) in funding for the bridge replacement out of an estimated One Million Four Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Thirty-Two Dollars (\$1,444,032) total project cost; and

WHEREAS, upon acceptance of said grant funds the city administration will return to City Council in the future to hire for engineering services, hire for right-of-way services, and approve an ODOT project agreement; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the ODOT award letter and agrees it to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Avon to accept the stated grant award from the ODOT Municipal Bridge Program and authorize the Mayor to provide an acceptance letter to ODOT prior to the December 31, 2025 deadline.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AVON, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO:**

Section 1 - That the Mayor is hereby authorized to provide written acceptance to the Ohio Department of Transportation stating the City of Avon's willingness to accept the grant award from the Municipal Bridge Program and participate in the program in accordance with all its specifications and guidelines.

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Section 2 - That it is 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 actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3 - That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity meet the established ODOT deadline related to the acceptance of the grant award from the Municipal Bridge Program; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: November 24, 2025 DATE SIGNED: November 24, 2025

By: Brian Fischer
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: November 25, 2025

Bryan K. Jensen
Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior
John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

Posted: November 26, 2025
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

Prepared By:

John A. Gasior, Esq.
Law Director, City of Avon

I, Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of the Council of the City of Avon, Ohio, hereby certify this document to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. R-24-25, passed by the Council of said City on November 24, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have on this 25th day of November 2025, affixed my signature and official seal.

Barbara J. Brooks
Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of the Council
of the City of Avon, Ohio



**Department of
Transportation**
transportation.ohio.gov

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-24-25

Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor
Pamela Boratyn, Director

October 31, 2025

Mr. Ryan Cummins
City of Avon
36080 Chester Road
Avon, Ohio 44011

Dear Mr. Cummins:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to inform you that your Nagel Road Bridge Replacement project (SFN 4760021) has been selected for funding in the Municipal Bridge Program. The project selections are contingent upon the availability of future federal funds.

In the past, ODOT has provided 80% of the eligible costs in Federal funds through the Municipal Bridge Program. This year the program is utilizing Toll Revenue Credit (TRC) for construction and construction inspection only to provide 95% federal funding of the eligible costs. All other eligible project costs remain funded at 80% federal funding. The total project maximum is **\$1,301,830** in federal funds through the Municipal Bridge Program, for a construction award in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2030. This project has been identified as a Reservoir SFY 2029 construction project, meaning that if funding becomes available, the project can be awarded in SFY 2029 rather than 2030.

Below is the awarded federal funding breakdown by project phase based on the application request:

- 1) \$120,000 in federal funding for Environmental and Detail Design in SFYs 2026 and 2027
 - a. Funding is 80% federal (SAC 4R87) with a 20% local match
- 2) \$1,181,830 in federal funding for Construction/Construction Inspection in SFY 2030
 - a. Funding is 95% federal (SAC 4R87), which includes 15% Toll Revenue Credit, with a 5% local match

Please provide written acceptance of the awarded Municipal Bridge funds by **Wednesday, December 31, 2025**, via email to Nichole.Lawhorn@dot.ohio.gov. If acceptance is not received by this date, the funds will be rescinded and awarded to another project in order to ensure a fully funded program.

Please contact Jeff Rogers, in the ODOT District 3 office at (419) 207-7172, to schedule a meeting to scope the project and establish the milestone dates. It is crucial that each party is committed to meeting the milestone dates established. To help ensure the project starts off successfully and will meet the SFY award date, **you must contact your respective ODOT District LPA Manager on or before January 31, 2026, to set up the project scoping meeting.** Failure to contact your District LPA Manager within this timeframe will result in the withdrawal of funding by ODOT. Failure to meet the other agreed upon milestone dates could also result in a withdrawal of funding by ODOT.

If the awarded project will be administered as a Local-let project, the applicant becomes a subrecipient and must have a Unique Entity Identifier through SAM.gov. Please review the requirements of administering a Local-let project, if your entity has not already, to determine if your entity or ODOT will be administering the various project phases. Information on administering a Local-let project can be found at [1 Local-let Qualification Requirements | Ohio Department of Transportation](#). If your entity is moving forward with Local-let project administration and you don't already have a Unique Entity Identifier, please go to SAM.gov and follow the instructions to register for one prior to your scoping meeting with your respective district.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 752-6581 or at the email address provided above.

Respectfully,



Nichole Lawhorn
Program Manager
Office of Local Programs

c: Jeff Rogers, ODOT District 3



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October 31, 2025

Mr. Ryan Cummins
City of Avon
36080 Chester Road
Avon, Ohio 44011

Dear Mr. Cummins:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is notifying you that the project application for your St. Francis Drive Bridge Replacement project (SFN 4765419) has not been selected for funding in the Municipal Bridge Program during this solicitation cycle.

During this round of applications, the Municipal Bridge Program received thirty-four (34) applications requesting \$45.2 million dollars in program funding. The Municipal Bridge Program has a current annual allocation of \$11.5 million. The Office of Local Programs and the Municipal Bridge committee would like to thank you for your application and your time. However, we regret to inform you this bridge has not been selected for funding during this round of applications.

Given the number of applications received during this solicitation cycle, the committee could not recommend funding more than one project to each project sponsor. Additionally, the structure is still in fair condition and does not warrant a complete replacement at this time. It is recommended the city re-apply in a future solicitation cycle when the condition of the structure deteriorates enough to warrant a replacement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 752-6581 or by e-mail at Nichole.Lawhorn@dot.ohio.gov.

Respectfully,

Nichole Lawhorn
Program Manager
Office of Local Programs

c: Jeff Rogers, ODOT District 3