

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-49

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (LAKETRAN) FOR THE VINE STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Willowick (the “City”) has participated with the Lake County Regional Transit Authority (“Laketran”), the City of Eastlake, and the City of Willoughby in planning transportation, pedestrian, and transit-connectivity improvements along the Vine Street corridor; and

WHEREAS, Laketran has received federal and regional funding for the Vine Street Corridor Project (the “Project”) and will administer the grant funding and procure and administer the Project construction contract; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, allocates responsibilities between the City and Laketran for the portion of the Project within Willowick, including streetlighting, streetscaping, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and transit connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the current Project budget allocates approximately \$711,398.33 in grant funding to the improvements within Willowick and anticipates an initial City local share of \$177,849.58, subject to adjustments and additional responsibilities as stated in the MOU; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that entering into the MOU will facilitate the advancement of transportation safety, accessibility, and transit connections within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Willowick, a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake County Regional Transit Authority for the Vine Street Corridor Project, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with such nonmaterial changes as may be approved by the Director of Law and the Mayor, provided that no such change materially increases the City’s financial obligations or alters the allocation of material risk without further Council authorization.

SECTION 2. Council acknowledges that the current estimated City local share under the MOU is \$177,849.58. This Resolution does not independently appropriate funds or authorize expenditures beyond amounts lawfully appropriated and certified. Before the City authorizes Laketran to incur costs for which the City will be responsible, the appropriate City officials shall ensure compliance with all applicable appropriation, certification, and expenditure requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41.

SECTION 3. Any proposed amendment to the MOU or other written authorization that would materially increase the City's financial obligation beyond the presently approved Project allocation shall be submitted for further Council approval before such additional costs are authorized, except for obligations previously lawfully incurred or irrevocably committed pursuant to the MOU. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to modify the executed MOU or relieve the City of any valid obligation under it.

SECTION 4. The Mayor and other appropriate City officials are authorized to take all lawful administrative actions necessary to implement this Resolution and carry out the MOU, consistent with its terms and with available appropriations.

SECTION 5. It is hereby 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 Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with applicable law.

SECTION 6. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and specifically to facilitate timely coordination, funding, and implementation of the Vine Street Corridor Project. Wherefore, provided it receives the vote required by the City Charter and applicable law, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

SUBMITTED to the Mayor for his
approval on _____, 2026

Monica Koudela, President of
Council

APPROVED by the Mayor on
_____, 2026

ATTEST:

Alyssa Moran, Clerk of Council

Michael J. Vanni, Mayor