

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 26-37**

**RESOLUTION TO PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF HAMILTON AND THE NORTH
HAMILTON CROSSING PROJECT AND COMMIT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00
FOR THE PRINCETON ROAD PROJECT**

WHEREAS: The City of Hamilton has decided to engage in a multi-year transportation improvement project which will involve constructing an additional east-west connector across the north side of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS: This project will provide an additional connection point for Fairfield Township to the City of Hamilton for its residents who may work or travel to the city for after-hours activities, food, entertainment, etc. as well as other residents who may reside close to the Fairfield Township borders; and

WHEREAS: For many years, residents, commuters, and businesses have dealt with congestion on the existing river crossings, especially during peak travel times and the North Hamilton Crossing offers a practical and forward-looking solution by providing an additional east-west connection, reducing bottlenecks, and improving access to key destinations throughout the region; and

WHEREAS: This project will not only ease daily commutes, but also strengthen emergency response routes and create better connectivity for economic development; and

WHEREAS: By expanding the capacity and distributing traffic more efficiently, the North Hamilton Crossing will improve safety, shorten travel times, and support Hamilton's continued growth; and

WHEREAS: In addition to this project, The Board of Trustees has determined that when the North Hamilton Crossing project has been fully completed, it will have a great impact on traffic flow through Fairfield Township on Princeton Road (where the project is projected to terminate) that is currently maintained by the township; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees have expressed these concerns to the Transportation Improvement District Board and have requested that the TID consider a second project in Fairfield Township that would address the traffic impact from the North Hamilton Crossing Project and improve Princeton Road for safety; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees acknowledges that widening Princeton Road necessitates acquiring right-of-way from private property owners, that the BCTID will employ all legal and necessary means to secure the right-of-way for the project and the Board will fulfill its funding commitments made in an Intergovernmental Agreement, even if appropriation cases are required to secure the right-of-way for the project; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees hereby commits funding for the Princeton Road Improvements Project in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

SECTION 1: The Board hereby declares their support for the North Hamilton Crossing Project because it will be essential for improving traffic flow and overall mobility on the north side of the City of Hamilton and through Butler County.

SECTION 2: The Board of Trustees acknowledges that widening Princeton Road necessitates acquiring right-of-way from private property owners, that the BCTID will employ all legal and necessary means to secure the right-of-way for the project and the Board will

fulfill its funding commitments made in an Intergovernmental Agreement, even if appropriation cases are required to secure the right-of-way for the project.

SECTION 3: The Board of Trustees hereby commits funding for the Princeton Road Improvements Project in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.

SECTION 4: The Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 5: This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

SECTION 6: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: March 10, 2026

Board of Trustees

Vote of Trustees

Michael Berding: _____

yes

Shannon Hartkemeyer: _____

yes

Joe McAbee: _____

yes

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 10th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Shelly Schultz
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

Katherine Barbieri
Katherine Barbieri, Township Law Director