

ORDINANCE NO. 14982

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 15 - 2012

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MARCH 21, 2012

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2012 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of funds in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project 1728 to provide local matching funds for the American Parkway utility relocations Capital Project 1753. Bureau of Engineering is supervising and monitoring the funds.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes a transfer within the Capital Fund in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) as a transfer of funds from the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project 1728 to the American Parkway Project 1753 to provide local matching funds for the American Parkway utility relocations.

**Transfer from 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge:**

<b>001-03-1728-1101-76</b>	<b>Construction Contracts</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>
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**Transfer to American Parkway:**

<b>001-03-1753-1101-76</b>	<b>Other Contract Services</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>
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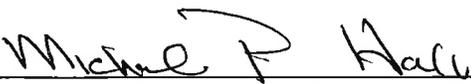
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>
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SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Mike Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
TOTAL	6	0

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on April 18, 2012 and signed by the Mayor on April 25, 2012.**

  
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CITY CLERK

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Department of Public Works, Engineering Bureau

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This Bill will transfer funds from the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project 1728 to funds for Capital Improvement Program 1753, American Parkway Bridge Construction for Utility Relocations.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
  - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
  - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The American Parkway Bridge Construction project is scheduled to provide a new Lehigh River crossing to facilitate east west traffic across the river. The bridge will serve as a vital infrastructure link to the new arena project in center city as well as provide bridge redundancy to allow needed maintenance on the Tilghman Street Bridge. Utility relocations are required for the project for PPL transmission towers, distribution lines and other utilities.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

We are budgeting \$300,000.00 of transferred General Obligation Bond money to provide for the 20% match to the 80% reimbursable federal funds for the utility relocations. The \$300,000.00 is a transfer of funds from the 15<sup>th</sup> street Bridge project. These monies are available because the budgeted value for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project exceeded the amount needed because the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Contract Bids received were lower than the original estimate for construction. The benefits include an improved infrastructure system to support economic development in the City of Allentown.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Funds are requested to be transferred from excess funds from the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project. Funds are available due to lower bids than expected on the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

It is anticipated that the project will be bid in 2012 and the funds will need to be appropriated in anticipation of this utility relocation work.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The bill should be unanimously supported to improved infrastructure and economic development within the City of Allentown.