

ORDINANCE NO. 99-161

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE UP TO \$40,584 IN
FY 2000 TO THE SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT
AUTHORITY (SORTA) FOR THE JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE
PROGRAM THROUGH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, over the past several years, SORTA has been working in partnership with Warren County, the City of Mason, the City of Lebanon, Deerfield Township, local businesses, and the Mason Landen Kings Chamber of Commerce to continue and expand public transportation service to southwest Warren County; and

WHEREAS, in May, 1999, SORTA was awarded a Job Access grant through the Federal Transit Authority to develop and fund a project to expand the existing I-71 reverse-commute service to southwest Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the two-year Job Access Program is estimated to be \$1.2 million, including start-up capital costs for new vans, shelters and infrastructure improvements, and operating costs; and

WHEREAS, SORTA is requesting matching funds from Warren County, the City of Mason, the City of Lebanon, and Deerfield Township to help underwrite the cost of Jobs Access Program, as specified in the attached *Documentation of Matching Funds* budget summary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is being asked to contribute up to \$40,584.00 in FY 2000 for the Jobs Access Program; and

WHEREAS, the Jobs Access Program will expand existing Metro bus service to bring additional workers from downtown Cincinnati to businesses in southwest Warren County as delineated in the attached *Metro-Warren County Transit Proposed Job Connection Transit Service*; and

WHEREAS, the Jobs Access Program will connect Metro buses with Warren County Transit van service to take employees directly to businesses in southwest Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the Jobs Access Program will help ameliorate the labor shortages currently experienced by businesses in Southwest Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, **seven (7)** members thereto concurring:

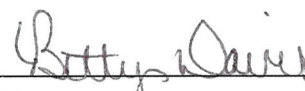
Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with SORTA to provide funding of the Jobs Access Program.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to pay up to \$40,584.00 to SORTA in FY 2000 for the Jobs Access Program.

Section 3. That the City of Mason's commitment of up to \$40,584.00 is contingent upon SORTA securing the local match contributions from Warren County, the City of Lebanon, and Deerfield Township, as specified in the attached *Documentation of Matching Funds* budget summary.

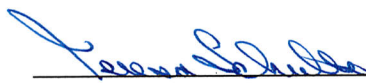
Section 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 11th day of October, 1999.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk of Council

10/7/99