

**RESOLUTION URGING AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR COMMUNITY  
BENEFITS FOR INTERNATIONAL WATER CROSSINGS BE ENACTED**

**WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council is aware of and share the significant concerns of Detroit residents regarding the fears of a potential new or replacement span of the Ambassador Bridge being constructed on the proposed parcel swap with the Detroit International Bridge Company; and

**WHEREAS,** Those concerns and fears go beyond the possible new or replacement span of the Ambassador Bridge but for any possible new international crossing that crosses an international waterway to Canada with an embarkation or debarkation point in the City of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS,** The concerns expressed are relative to serious quality of life issues that impact by the host community by development, construction and use of an international crossing including but not limited to the physical and emotional health, noise and air quality, as well as high volume truck traffic traversing the community; and

**WHEREAS,** The City and the Southwest Detroit community is currently undergoing the development of the Gordy Howe International Bridge (GHIB). The development, construction and use of the GHIB has brought to the forefront environmental, health and quality of life issues which needed to be addressed and mitigated through a negotiated community benefit package for the host community; and

**WHEREAS,** Any future international crossing from Detroit to Canada will certainly create similar environmental, health and quality of life issues that were identified in the GHIB project, which should also be addressed and mitigated through a negotiated community benefit package for the host community; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to any and all lawfully required mitigation of environmental, health and quality of life responsibilities that shall be enforced, the use of any financial incentive, tax incentive or public land incentive provided by the City of Detroit for the development, construction and use of an international crossing should trigger a designated program for community benefits for the impacted area to further diminish the negative impacts of an international crossing; and

**WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council has received proposed ordinance language calling for community engagement and community benefits which includes but is not limited to:

The Developer and the relevant city departments must present to the members of the Neighborhood Advisory Council, at a minimum, the following information:

- i. Detailed report of tax incentives being requested, amounts & duration of each.
- ii. Usage of green infrastructure
- iii. Creation of jobs and commitment to hiring Detroiters.
- iv. Engagement/impact on small businesses in impact area
- v. Proposed rezoning, street closures

The following studies must be conducted prior to approval of any transaction:

- i. Health Impact Study

Community benefits must include, but not limited to, the following areas:

- i. Affordable/subsidized commercial space plan
- ii. Traffic study
  - 1. Proposed traffic routes to protect residents
- iii. Health impact analysis
- iv. Stormwater management plan
- v. Plan for vegetative buffering and air monitoring
- vi. Report on potential emissions, EGLE permits/record of violations
- vii. Local and disadvantaged population hiring plan
- viii. Neighborhood revitalization and community development plan

Any funding from such projects shall be placed into a localized impacted community fund and/or the public health fund to be used to mitigate health impacts on the host community;

and **BE IT THEREFORE**

**RESOLVED**, The Detroit City Council seeks to take under consideration the establishment of an ordinance to address the aforementioned concerns and urges the November 2021 elected Detroit City Council and Mayoral administration to enact such an ordinance, if not previously established;  
**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, The enacted ordinance be triggered by any financial incentive, tax incentive or public land incentive provided by the City of Detroit for the development, construction and use of an international crossing; and **BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED**, Considered as part of its inclusion shall be provisions outlined in the above referenced recitals of this resolution.