

October 15, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager



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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: ODOT Urban Transit Program (UTP) Grant for Streetcar Preventative Maintenance

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$36,080 awarded through the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) Ohio Urban Transit Program (“UTP”) to provide resources for preventative maintenance of the Cincinnati Streetcar System; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the UTP grant resources into General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8534, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. 25UTP, “Urban Transit Program 2025”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete this project.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the following:

1. The City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$36,080 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Ohio Urban Transit Program (UTP) to provide resources for preventative maintenance of the Cincinnati Streetcar System;
2. The Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8534, Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) project account no. 25UTP, “Urban Transit Program 2025”.

UTP grants provide state operating assistance to urban transit systems to help maintain and improve public transportation services, promote mobility and access for Ohio residents, and ensure the efficient and equitable distribution of transit resources across the state.

The UTP grant does not require matching resources or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Utilizing grant resources to perform preventative maintenance of the Cincinnati Streetcar System is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as described on page 129 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant to comply with project timelines and promote the continued safety of the Cincinnati Streetcar System.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

