

March 5, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: ODOT HSIP Safety Grant Applications

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”) Systemic Safety grants awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) of up to \$2,000,000 to provide resources for pedestrian safety improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for HSIP Abbreviated Safety grants awarded by ODOT of up to \$500,000 for traffic safety countermeasures, such as safety signage, high-visibility pavement markings, centerline hardening, temporary bump-outs, and other safety improvements; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for HSIP Formal Safety Process grants awarded by ODOT of up to \$5,000,000 to reduce serious injury and traffic deaths on all public roads.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for the following HSIP grants awarded by ODOT:

1. Systemic Safety grants of up to \$2,000,000 to provide resources for pedestrian safety improvements;
2. Abbreviated Safety grants of up to \$500,000 for traffic safety countermeasures, such as safety signage, high-visibility pavement markings, centerline hardening, temporary bump-outs, and other safety improvements; and
3. Formal Safety Process grants of up to \$5,000,000 to reduce injury and traffic deaths on all public roads.

Acceptance of grant resources may require a local match of up to twenty percent, which is anticipated to be provided from existing capital improvement program project accounts. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required.

Implementing pedestrian and traffic safety measures is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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