

June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202501203

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – FY 2026 Budget: General Capital Budget**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING** a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of taxes and other revenue and existing funds to carry out certain parts of the Capital Improvement Program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of proceeds from the Cincinnati Southern Railway Infrastructure Trust to other parts of the Capital Improvement Program; and **DECLARING** certain projects for which funds are being transferred and appropriated to be for a public purpose, all to carry out the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

Approving and adopting the Recommended FY 2026 General Capital Budget provides funding for the Fiscal Year 2026 General Capital Improvement Program Budget in the amount of \$129,000,000, effective July 1, 2025.

Section 2 transfers and returns to source the sum of \$500,000 from existing permanent improvement program project account no. 758x101x251043, "Community Budget Request Program," to the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to provide resources for the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

Sections 3 through 9 refer to the capital projects and their funding sources as outlined below:

- Section 3 transfers and appropriates the sum of \$500,000 to a new capital improvement program project account via reprogramming.
- Section 4 distributes \$18,578,000 from income tax permanent improvement funds derived from the 0.15% portion of the City income tax for certain permanent improvements.
- Section 5 distributes \$9,422,000 from income tax permanent improvement funds derived from the 0.15% portion of the City income tax.
- Section 6 distributes \$44,250,000 from various bond sources.

- Section 7 distributes \$320,000 from Cincinnati Southern Railway Infrastructure Trust disbursement proceeds for certain permanent improvements.
- Section 8 distributes \$55,680,000 from Cincinnati Southern Railway Infrastructure Trust disbursement proceeds.
- Section 9 distributes \$250,000 from the Blue Ash Property sale proceeds.

This Emergency Ordinance also declares the following capital or permanent improvement program projects to serve a public purpose because the projects will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality: PIVOT Strategic Acquisition and Improvement, Neighborhood Business District Improvements, Business Retention/New Growth, Commercial & Industrial Public Improvements, Community Development Focus District, Retail/Commercial Opportunities, Viable Small Business Development, Quick Strike Acquisition, Economic Development Initiatives, Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives, Hazard Abatement/Demolition Program, Strategic Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP), Affordable Housing Trust Funding Capital, Neighborhood Business Property Holding, Duke Street Light Installation and Renovation, Duke Street Light Renovation, Community Budget Request Program, Civic Space Improvements, Community Facility Improvements - Art Museum, Community Facility Improvements, Strategic Property Investment: Human Services, and Convention Center Improvements.

The reason for the emergency is the need to have funding in place to carry out the City's Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program, which begins July 1, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachments