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Support for Gilbert Avenue Investment

Dear Colleagues,

I am proud and ecstatic to stand in support of the additional \$2 million investment for the redesign of Gilbert Avenue from Court Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

We have the opportunity to advocate for the **best** in capital improvements, this investment reflects that. I am excited that over the next few years we will see the creation of a corridor that is used in 2027 and beyond!

Gilbert Avenue is home to some of Cincinnati's most valuable assets. The Cincinnati Art Museum, the Cincinnati Ballet, Eden Park, the Walnut Hills Business District, and more. This investment will pull out the best in these institutions establishing a meaningful and multimodal transit model that will create greater business and pedestrian safety at the same time.

Cincinnati has been laser focused on how we can become a multi-modal city and prioritize the protection of our pedestrians. This project is a combination of both of those. We will see bike lanes from our Downtown to our Uptown, we will see economic growth from Pendleton to Evanston. As we continue to see our Bus Rapid Transit Corridors as an economic opportunity, I see this investment to grow our Bike Transit Corridor to connect with the rest of our city in even more ways.

So, my request to you all, is for you to support this investment in our city and in our transit network so that communities can be connected in a multitude of ways.

With Regards,

Councilmember Meeka D. Owens