

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – APPROVING THE REVISED PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN

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Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING the revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Connector as recommended by the streetcar's Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer.

The Federal Transit Administration requires that the Cincinnati Streetcar implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan ("PTASP") approved by City Council. The PTASP must also be updated annually due to continuous safety improvements. The PTASP has been revised with the following updates:

- Changed References from section 43 to section 44.
- Updated section 43 to cover Risk Based Inspections by ODOT
- Added section 22.6.1 for Employee Safety Committee responsibilities
- Defined the roles and responsibilities of the Cincinnati Transit Coordinator and Deputy Director of Streetcar Services. (Section 22.3)
- Updated section 23 to include reports of safety concerns through the Streetcar website
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- Updated methods of rules compliance activities to include SmartDrive system for signal violations (Section 34.4)
- Updated the Safety Performance Targets in Table 1, section 9 to reflect NTD data from 2021-2023
- Updated section 22.5 to allow the SSRC to vote on items electronically via email
- Updated the table of contents

The reason for the emergency is the need to meet the Ohio Department of Transportation's March 15, 2025 deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

Attachment I – Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan

cc: Greg Long, Interim Director, Transportation and Engineering