

January 22, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202600172

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: FHWA ODOT Grant for Gilbert Avenue Safety Project**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756,” to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the “Gilbert Avenue Safety Project”), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756,” to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756,” to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the “Gilbert Avenue Safety Project”), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes.
2. The City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

3. The Director of Finance to deposit resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756".

The grant requires matching resources of up to \$950,000, which will be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242359, "Gilbert Avenue Complete Street" and other anticipated eligible grant resources. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Providing resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" as well as the strategies to "[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel," and "[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system" as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources to meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

