

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

202102018

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Western Hills Viaduct STBG, Hamilton County, and ODOT Resources

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of capital improvement program project accounts nos. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” and 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) Program (CFDA 20.205) through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, “Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local Grants,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

This Emergency Ordinance does the following:

1. Authorizes the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” and 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction for the Western Hills Viaduct project;
2. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) Program (CFDA 20.205) through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments to the newly established “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant” capital improvement program project account;
3. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to the newly established “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match” capital improvement program project account;
4. Authorizes the City Manager to accept an appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, “Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local Grants,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and

5. Authorizes the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

Hamilton County applied for grant resources from the STBG Program through the OKI Regional Council of Governments and was awarded grant resources of \$1,000,000. The STBG Program grant requires a minimum local match of 20%, which will be split equally between the City and Hamilton County. The City's portion will be identified in future capital improvement program project accounts.

There is also up to \$1,328,938.76 in grant resources available from ODOT, which does not require a local match, for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

There are no new FTEs associated with the acceptance of these grant and local matching resources.

The replacement or major rehabilitation of the Western Hills Viaduct is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality," and strategy to "plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system," as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and spend grant and local matching resources in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment

