

January 25, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202300393  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** Ordinance – DOTE: OPWC Grant for CTCS in Over-the-Rhine

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232393, “CTCS OTR Fiber OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) grant resources to upgrade and install a fiber optic Coordinated Traffic Control System (“CTCS”) in the Over-the-Rhine (“OTR”) neighborhood (HAM VAR CTCS OTR West End PID 115277); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$7,500,000 from the OPWC Funding Round 37 program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232393, “CTCS OTR Fiber OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources to upgrade and install a fiber optic CTCS in the OTR neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit such grant resources in an amount up to \$7,500,000 into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232393, “CTCS OTR Fiber OPWC Grant.”

This Ordinance establishes new capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232393, “CTCS OTR Fiber OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant resources to upgrade and install a fiber optic Coordinated Traffic Control System (CTCS) in the Over-the-Rhine (OTR) neighborhood. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$7,500,000 from the OPWC Funding Round 37 program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232393, “CTCS OTR Fiber OPWC Grant” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources to upgrade and install a fiber optic CTCS in the OTR neighborhood. The City Manager is authorized by this Ordinance to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the grant resources. Finally, this Ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232393, “CTCS OTR Fiber OPWC Grant.”

On November 16, 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0351-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grants, loans, and loan assistance awarded by Hamilton County from the Municipal Road Fund (MRF) Program and the Ohio

Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP), and the Revolving Loan Program (Funding Round 37) for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City. The City was awarded a \$7,500,000 grant by the OPWC for the fiber optic CTCS project in OTR, which will not be accepted without approval from the City Council.

Acceptance of the grant requires a local match of \$6,000,000, which would come from an anticipated Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant in an amount up to \$6,000,000, which is awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments and from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund grants. No additional FTEs are associated with the acceptance of these grant resources.

Upgrading and installing a fiber optic CTCS in the OTR neighborhood is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment