

March 18, 2026

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

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

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**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Accept and Appropriate SORTA Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (MTIF) Grants (2 Projects)**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262391, “Reading and Summit Improvements PID 119753,” to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Reading Road and Summit Road in the neighborhood of Roselawn; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262395, “HAM Cincinnati Crossings PID 121898,” to install up to six raised crosswalks in the neighborhood of CUF; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept up to \$260,000 in Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (“MTIF”) grant resources awarded by Cincinnati Metro to support these pedestrian safety projects; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate SORTA MTIF grant resources as follows: (1) up to \$120,000 allocated to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262391, “Reading and Summit Improvements PID 119753,” and (2) up to \$140,000 allocated to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262395, “HAM Cincinnati Crossings PID 121898”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit (1) up to \$120,000 of MTIF grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262391, “Reading and Summit Improvements PID 119753,” and (2) up to \$140,000 of MTIF grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262395, “HAM Cincinnati Crossings PID 121898”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

- A. The City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$260,000 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (MTIF);
- B. The City Manager to appropriate SORTA MTIF grant resources as follows:
  1. up to \$120,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262391, “Reading and Summit Improvements PID 119753” to provide resources to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Reading Road and Summit Road in the neighborhood of Roselawn; and
  2. up to \$140,000 of MTIF grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262395, “HAM Cincinnati Crossings PID 121898” to provide resources to install up to six raised crosswalks in the neighborhood of CUF;

- C. The Director of Finance to deposit SORTA MTIF grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project accounts; and
- D. The City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

The City has been awarded up to \$260,000 in SORTA MTIF funding for two pedestrian safety projects, and the City Council's authorization is now required to accept and appropriate these grant resources. There are no new FTE/full time equivalents associated with the acceptance of these grant resources.

Funding pedestrian safety projects in Cincinnati 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 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept MTIF grant funding and to meet established deadlines for these pedestrian safety improvements.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments