



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final-revised

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

9:30 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Let's Get to Work! "Transportation, Jobs & Equity"

"Infrastructure Part II"

PRESENTATIONS

Union Jobs in Infrastructure

Electricians IBEW Local 212- Rick Fischer

Laborers International Union North America Local- Nikki Crenshaw, Anthony Brice

Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council- Brian Griffin

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 392- Bill Froehle

Cincinnati Building Trades

AA Chamber Preparing MBE/WBE's for Infrastructure Jobs

Eric Kearney

SORTA Preparing for the Infrastructure Jobs

John Ravasio

Commissioner Driehaus

AGENDA

1. [202200982](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority titled Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Update.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)

2. [202200998](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Nikki Crenshaw, Laborers' Local 265, titled What does the bipartisan infrastructure law bring?
Sponsors: Owens
Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)
3. [202200770](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Landsman, Harris and Owens, **WE HEREBY MOVE** that the Administration work with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) to detail the work currently being done to address childhood trauma and effectively support young people who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs); make clear any potential further efforts that could be pursued on this issue; and, layout how City Council can better support this important work. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)
Sponsors: Landsman, Harris and Owens
Attachments: [Motion 202200770](#)
4. [202200848](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Landsman and Owens, **WE HEREBY MOVE** that the Administration report to Council on available data regarding the issue of lead poisoning. This report should cover existing data gathered on both of the main sources of lead poisoning in our region (lead paint and lead pipes), as well as relevant research and data collection initiatives planned for the future. The report should further include recommendations and a feasibility analysis for projects to address lead poisoning, particularly concentrating on ways in which the Health Department and WaterWorks can work together. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)
Sponsors: Landsman and Owens
Attachments: [Motion](#)
5. [202200820](#) **REPORT**, dated 3/30/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Infrastructure Projects.
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Report](#)
[Attachment](#)
6. [202200895](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, on 4/6/2022, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on the retaining wall located along Baltimore Avenue in the East Westwood neighborhood, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork.
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Attachment I](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

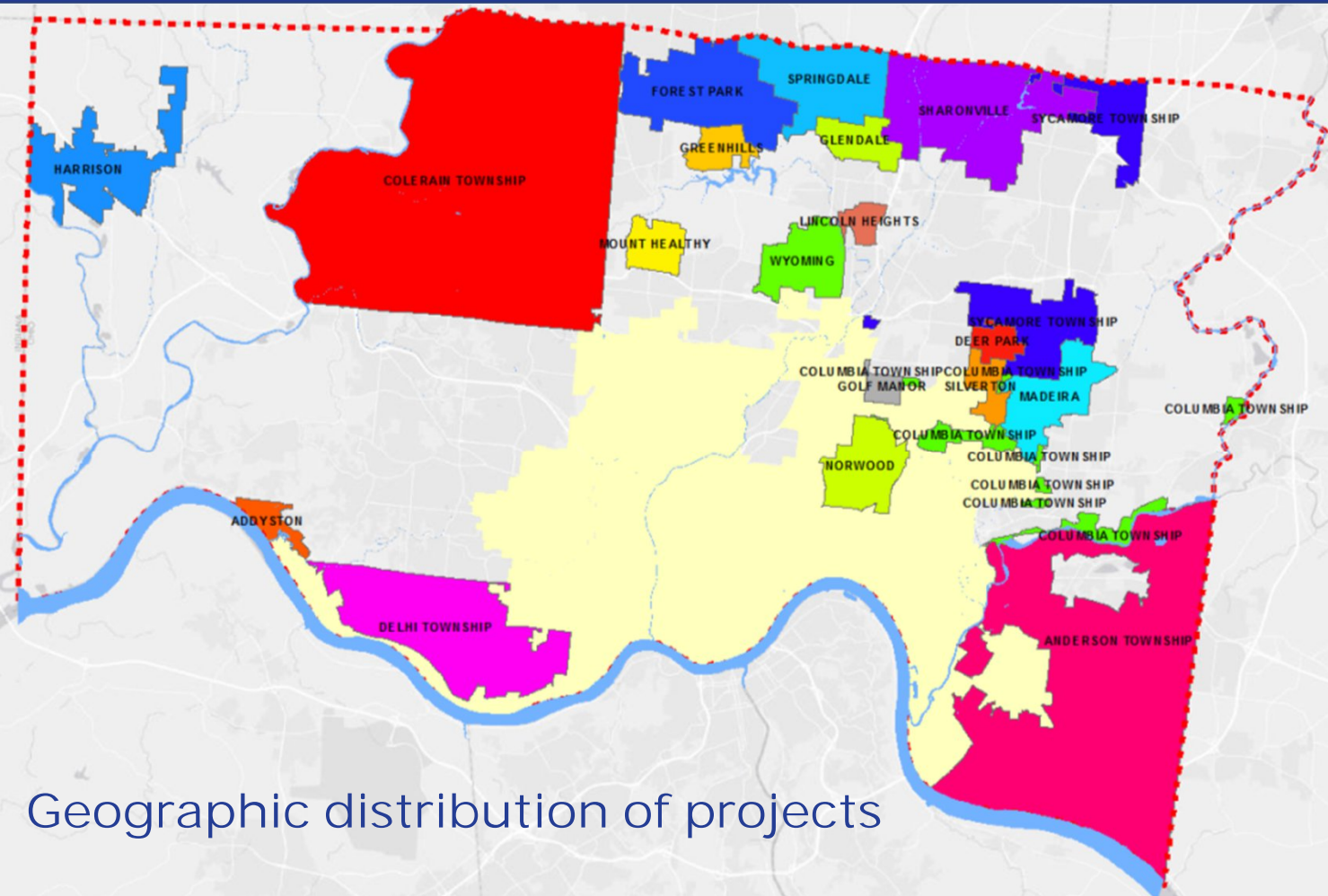
ADJOURNMENT

Southwest Ohio Regional
Transit Authority Update
April 12, 2022



Cincinnati City Council
Climate, Environment, &
Infrastructure Committee





Geographic distribution of projects

- 30 project proposals funded
- 22 different municipalities in Hamilton County
- \$227 million dollars in grants
- \$205 million for Western Hills viaduct over 25 years

The City of Cincinnati was awarded \$212 Million+ in TIF funding:

- \$205M for Western Hills viaduct replacement over 25 years
- \$2.7M River Rd. road improvements include upgrading deteriorating curbs to ADA standards
- \$2.1M for Warsaw Ave. road improvements along Glenway to Grand
- \$1.46M for Beekman Ave. rehabilitation between Hopple and Elmore
- \$900K for Paxton Ave. improvements include addition center left-turn lane to reduce rear-end accidents



Applications for the FY 2022 Transit Infrastructure Funds opened April 1, 2022

- Deadline for submission is June 30, 2022
- Recipients will be announced in the fall
- Eligible transit-related projects must be within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a Metro fixed-route
- Application and guideline information is available at go-metro.com

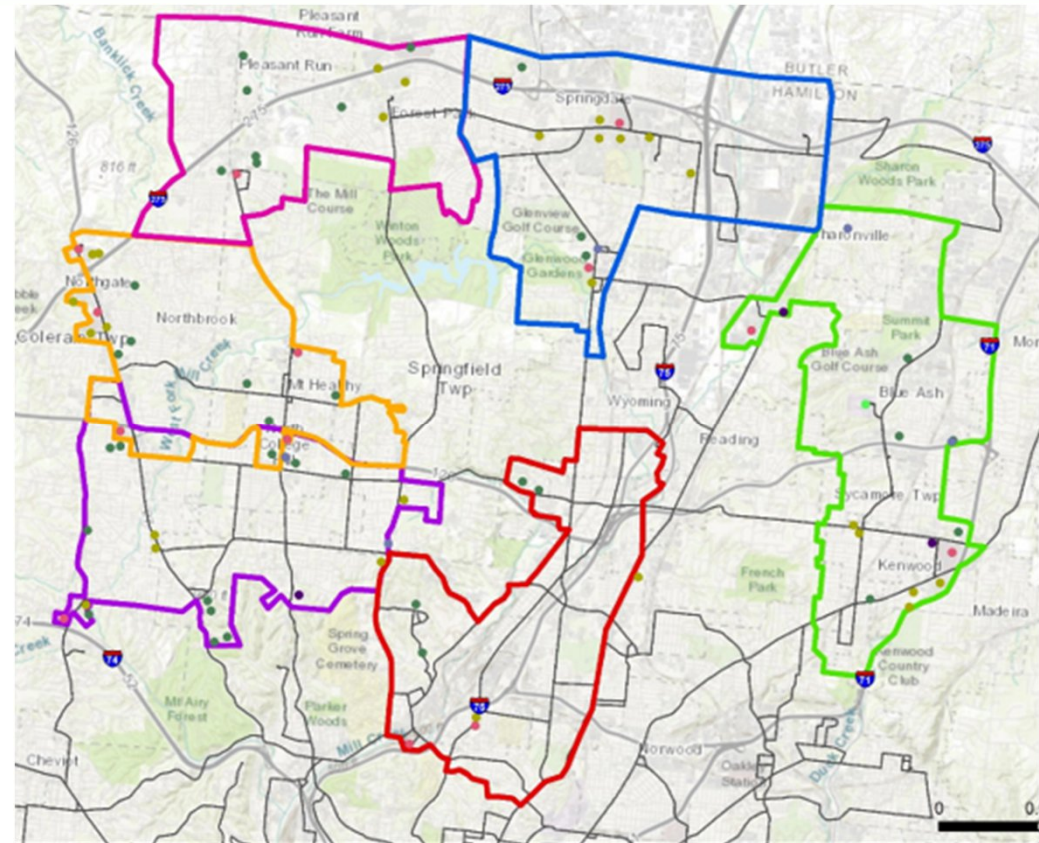


Mobility On-Demand services will provide connectivity and access where fixed-route service is limited or not feasible due to population density or vehicle size limitations.

6 neighborhoods being considered, including:

- Blue Ash /Avondale
- Bond Hill/Roselawn
- Montford Heights/Finneytown
- Northgate/Mt. healthy
- Pleasant Run
- Springdale/Sharonville

1-2 areas will serve as the initial pilot project



Considering 4 Corridors for BRT Service

- BRT will have:
 - Limited stops
 - Protected right-of-way
 - Faster travel with off-board payment

- Areas for consideration:
 - Glenway Ave.
 - Hamilton Ave.
 - Reading Rd.
 - Montgomery Rd.



Zero Emissions Strategy:

- \$10.1M FTA Bus and Buses Facility Grant to update fleet with zero-emission vehicles
- Comprehensive phased Green Strategy underway

Regional Collaboration:

- Partnering with TANK & BCRTA to coordinate service and infrastructure needs for maximum federal funding opportunities
- Regional coordination of paratransit services with 70+ providers

New Infrastructure:

- 50 shelters & 25 benches to be installed this year
- Updated garage and maintenance facilities



- 20,000 more jobs will be accessible by Metro
- 740 more employers accessible by Metro
- \$850 million more in wages accessible by Metro
- 343,326 jobs now with 24-hour service
- 11,256 employers with 24-hour service
- 10X increase in XBA spending (local dollars) to more than \$800K





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Laborers' Local Union 265

What does the bipartisan
infrastructure law bring ?

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202200770

Greg Landsman
Councilmember

March 21, 2022

MOTION

Tackling ACEs, Together

We hereby move that the Administration work with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) to detail the work currently being done to address childhood trauma and effectively support young people who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs); make clear any potential further efforts that could be pursued on this issue; and, layout how City Council can better support this important work.

STATEMENT

On average, children in Cincinnati are statistically more likely to have an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) compared to the national average.¹ Breaking cycles of trauma in our youth is necessary for improving education outcomes and making Cincinnati a safer place to raise children. Research clearly shows an intimate connection between communities that have high rates of children experiencing trauma and communities with high levels of violence and crime. We need to tackle this issue, together.

Councilmember Greg Landsman

Councilmember Meeka Owens

Councilmember Reggie Harris

¹ Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health

(https://publichealth.wvu.edu/sites/default/files/downloads/Rockstone-Center/ACEs%20Data%20Sheets_2014%20Data.pdf)

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202200848

Greg Landsman
Councilmember

March 28, 2022

MOTION

Lead Poisoning Data and Action

We hereby move that the Administration report to Council on available data regarding the issue of lead poisoning. This report should cover existing data gathered on both of the main sources of lead poisoning in our region (lead paint and lead pipes), as well as relevant research and data collection initiatives planned for the future. The report should further include recommendations and a feasibility analysis for projects to address lead poisoning, particularly concentrating on ways in which the Health Department and WaterWorks can work together.

STATEMENT

Lead poisoning can cause severe issues for children, including developmental problems, behavioral problems, and physical ailments. In our region, lead poisoning is spread in two ways, primarily: lead paint and lead pipes. As the Cincinnati Health Department has made us all aware, every neighborhood in Cincinnati is at risk for lead poisoning due to the age of our housing stock; our city ranks fourth in the country for oldest housing stock,¹ with over 75% of homes within the City of Cincinnati at least 40 years old.² In addition, Ohio is the second-worst state in the nation for the number of lead pipes used in water systems (behind only Illinois), as of 2021.

There is a lot of important and meaningful work happening to address this issue — including robust lead paint remediation and abatements through our Health Department, lead pipe replacement programs at WaterWorks, and ‘on the ground’ work by grassroots community organizations. The key to getting closer to our goal of eliminating lead poisoning in Cincinnati and making every neighborhood is lead-safe for all residents will be keeping up on data collection, bolstering internal communication, and ensuring leaders and all parties involved are briefed on the latest updates and progress.

Bringing this report to Council lets us stay informed as we strategize around uplifting and supporting this work, and enables us to integrate key pieces of accurate, up-to-date information into related discussions on issues (like ‘problem properties’ + more).


Councilmember Greg Landsman


Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

¹ <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2021/05/20/cincinnati-ranks-no-4-oldest-housing-inventory-new-study-shows/5162745001/>

² https://www.lisc.org/medial/filer_public/6e/af/6eaf0bc11-fc3a-4a07-baac-52f73172c26e/strategy_guide_-_5-26-2020.pdf

Date: March 30, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200820
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
Subject: INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Reference Document # 202200332

The Council at its session on February 16, 2022 referred the following item for review and report.

MOTION, dated 2/8/22, submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report, to be submitted within 30 days, cataloguing the following: 1) All infrastructure projects within the City of Cincinnati that are currently underway; and 2) All infrastructure projects within the City of Cincinnati that have been started or worked on since January 1st, 2019 but have since been paused; and 3) All infrastructure projects that are scheduled to begin at any date after this motion is submitted. We further MOVE that the Administration organize the above information by neighborhoods in which the project is located, with an additional section for projects that span across more than one neighborhood.

The following report by the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) details the infrastructure projects that DOTE has worked on since 2019. Since the majority of DOTE projects span more than one neighborhood, the list is sorted by the project type with project name, neighborhoods, and status.

Attachment

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

City of Cincinnati – Department of Transportation and Engineering
Infrastructure projects since 2019

Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Street Rehab Capital Program		
St Rehab 2019 CIP #1	East End, Columbia Tususculum	Complete
St Rehab 2019 CIP #2	Westwood, Fairmount	Complete
St Rehab 2019 CIP #3	College Hill, Kennedy Heights	Complete
St Rehab 2019 CIP #4	CBD, OTR, Queensgate	Under Construction
St Rehab 2019 Preventive Maintenance	City Wide	Complete
St Rehab 2019 Pavement Repair	City Wide	Complete
South Fairmount Rehabilitation	South Fairmount (Westwood Av)	Complete
St Rehab 2020 CIP #1	Mt. Airy, Northside, Sayler Park	Complete
St Rehab 2020 CIP #2	Avondale, Evanston, Walnut Hills	Substantial Completion
St Rehab 2020 CIP #3	Madisonville & Oakley	Substantial Completion
St Rehab Galbraith Rd (Vine to Ridgeview)	Hartwell	To Be Bid Second Quarter 2022
St Rehab 2020 Preventive Maintenance Pavement Repair	City Wide	Complete
St Rehab 2020 Surface Treatments	City Wide	Complete
St Rehab 2020 Preventive Maintenance Resurfacing	California	Complete
St Rehab 2021 CIP #1	South Fairmount & Price Hill	Under Construction
St Rehab 2021 CIP #2	Clifton, CUF, Northside	To Be Bid Second Quarter 2021
St Rehab 2021 CIP #3	East End, Pleasant Ridge	Under Contract
St Rehab 2021 Columbia Pkwy (Taft to Delta)	East End	Complete
St Rehab 2021 Red Bank Expressway	Madisonville	Under Contract
St Rehab 2022 CIP #1	College Hill, Pleasant Ridge	Design
St Rehab 2022 River Rd (Fairbanks to Anderson Ferry)	Riverside, Sedamsville	Under Contract
St Rehab 2022 Paxton Av (Marburg Av to Wasson Rd)	Hyde Park & Oakley	Design
St Rehab 2022 Beekman Av (Hopple St to Elmore St)	Millvale & South Cumminsville	Design
St Rehab 2022 Preventive Maintenance Pavement Repair	City Wide	Award
St Rehab 2022 Surface Treatments	City Wide	Design
St Rehab 2022 Preventive Maintenance Resurfacing	TBA	Design

City of Cincinnati – Department of Transportation and Engineering
Infrastructure projects since 2019

Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Street Improvement Capital Program		
Auburn Av - Taft to Gilman	Mt. Auburn	Complete
Bassett Road Sidewalk	East Price Hill	Complete
Auburn Av - Gilman to Dorchester	Mt. Auburn	Under Construction
River Road Safety Improvements	Riverside & Sayler Park	Complete
Kirby & Bruce Safety Improvement	Northside	Complete
Sussex Avenue Improvements	Mt. Washington	To Be Bid Second Quarter 2022
McMillan Av Sidewalk	CUF	To Be Bid Third Quarter 2022
Summer St Cul-de-Sac	Lower Price Hill	To Be Bid Second Quarter 2022
Bridge Capital Program		
Park Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Phase 1	Mount Adams	Pre-Design
Western Hills Viaduct - Building Demolition (ChemPack)	Camp Washington	Prelim Design - To Be Bid 3rd Quarter 2022
Western Hills Viaduct - Building Demolition (Qlabs)	South Fairmount	Under construction
Brighton Approach Bridge Replacement	West End, CUF & OTR	Prelim Design - To Be Bid 4th Quarter 2023
Galbraith Road Deck Replacement	Arlington Heights	Construction ongoing
Kennedy Avenue Bridge Replacement	Kennedy Heights	Complete
2nd St Bridge Post-Tensioning Special Inspection	CBD	Complete
2nd St Bridge Post-Tensioning Repairs	CBD	To Be Bid 4th Quarter '22 or 1st Quarter '23
Monastery Street Bridge Pier Investigation	Mount Adams	Complete
Walls and Landslides Capital Program		
Beekman Street Landslide Stabilization	South Cumminsville	Design
Berkshire Road Stabilization	Mt. Washington	Completed 2021
Boal Street Retaining Wall Replacement	Mt. Auburn	Under Construction
Columbia Parkway Wall Panel Replacement	Hyde Park	Completed 2020
Cummins Street Retaining Wall and Road Improvement	North Fairmount	Under Construction
Grandin Road Pier Wall Extension	Mt. Lookout	Completed 2021
Sunset Avenue Landslide Correction	West Price Hill	Completed 2020
Paddock Road Emergency Repair	North Avondale - Paddock Hills	Completed 2019
Peete Street Retaining Wall Replacement	Over-The-Rhine	Completed 2020

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Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Tusculum Avenue Walls and Drainage (for Parks)	Columbia Tusculum	Completed 2019
Hamilton Avenue Segmental Wall Repair	Northside	Completed 2021 by TROD
Grand Avenue at West Liberty	East Price Hill	Completed 2020 by TROD
Elberon Avenue Hillside Stabilization / Retaining Wall	East Price Hill	Completed 2020
HAM 50.29 Retaining Wall No. 4 (Colb. Pkwy. Below Richwood) FHWA	Mt. Lookout	Completed 2019
2100 Columbia Parkway Emergency Landslide Cor. FHWA	E. Walnut Hills	Completed 2019
Old McMillan Street Landslide Stabilization	CUF	Completed 2021
Westwood Northern Boulevard Stabilization (for CMHA)	Millvale	Completed 2020
Columbia Parkway Hillside Stabilization (Bains to Torrence)	Walnut Hills - E. Walnut Hills	Completed 2021
Anderson Ferry Retaining Wall	Riverside	Design - to be bid 3rd Quarter 2022
Esmonde Street Retaining Wall Replacement	South Fairmount	Design - to be bid 2022, if funding allows
Hillside Stairway Capital Program		
Kilbourne Stairway Rehabilitation	Oakley	To Be Bid 2nd Quarter 2022
Bicycle Program & Bike Trails		
Beechmont Sidepath: Elston to Ranchvale	Mt. Washington	Planning
Bike Rack Installation 2020	Citywide	Under Construction
Central Parkway : Plum to Eggleston	East End/OTR/Pendleton	Design
Central Parkway Phase 2	Camp Washington/CUF/Clifton	Design
Clifton Avenue Two-way Cycletrack	CUF/Clifton	Implemented/On-Going
Court Street: Linn to Elm	West End/Downtown	Design
Eggleston to Ohio River Trail connections	Downtown/East End	Planning
Gilbert Ave: Court to Victory Parkway	Pendleton/Mt. Adams/Walnut Hills	Planning
Lick Run to Dunham Connection	South Fairmount/East Price Hill/West Price Hill/Westwood	Planning
Oasis Corridor Bike Trail	East End	Planning
Ohio River Trail - Salem to Sutton	California	Complete
Ohio River Trail Segment 3	Sedamsville/Riverside	Planning
ORT West Bike Trail	Price Hill, Riverside, Sedamsville	Substantial Completion

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Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Pedestrian/Bike Bridge over the Little Miami (HC Parks)	Linwood/Mt. Washington	Under Construction
Red Bank Road Sidepath: Duck Creek to Hetzel	Madisonville	Planning
Wasson Way Bike Trail Phase 2A	Evanston	Complete
Wasson Way Bike Trail Phase 2B	Evanston	Complete
Wasson Way Bike Trail Phase 3	Oakley/Hyde Park	Complete
Wasson Way Bike Trail Phase 4 & 5	Oakley/Hyde Park/Mt Lookout	Under Construction
Wasson Way Bike Trail Phase 6	Evanston/Avondale	Design
Wasson Way Bike Trail Phase 7	Avondale	Design
Streetscape and Enhancement Projects		
Baum St Underground Utilities	Mt. Adams	On Hold - Pending funding
Bond Hill Gateway 1	Bond Hill	Complete
Camp Washington Gateway Totems	Camp Washington	Construction 2022
CBD Ped Wayfinding	CBD	Construction 2022
CBD Vehicular Wayfinding (FCC)	CBD/OTR/West End	Complete
CBD Wayfinding (Hard Rock Casino_	CBD/OTR/West End	Construction 2022
CBD Wayfinding (Heritage Bank Center)	CBD/OTR/West End	Planning
Central Parkway Streetscape	CBD/OTR/West End	RFP Pending
E. McMillan Streetscape	Walnut Hills	Complete
East End Gateway	East End	Complete
East Price Hill Neighborhood Totems	East Price Hill	Complete
East Walnut Hills NBD Wayfinding	East Walnut Hills	Construction 2022
East Walnut Hills Two-Way Project	East Walnut Hills	Under Construction
Harrison Ave Streetscape	Westwood	Complete
Hartwell Gateway North Signage	Hartwell	Complete
Kirby Avenue Sun Valley Gateway Signage	Mt. Airy	Planning
Liberty Street Safety Improvement	OTR	Complete
Lower Price Hill Gateway Signage	Lower Price Hill	Construction 2022
Lunken Airport Building Signage	Linwood	Complete
Lunken Airport Exterior Improvements	Linwood	Complete
Madison Road/Victory Parkway Slip Lane Removal	East Walnut Hills	On Hold - Funding
Main St from Reading Rd to Michael Bany Way	OTR	Complete

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Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Martin Dr Bridge Graphic Mural	Mt. Adams	Complete
MLK Memorial	Avondale	Prelim Design
Mt. Adams Steps Plaque	Mt. Adams	Construction 2022
Mt. Airy Gateway	Mt. Airy	Complete
Mt. Auburn Gateway Totems	Mt. Auburn	Complete
Mt. Washington NBD Oxford Avenue	Mt Washington	Complete
North Avondale Gateway Signage	North Avondale	Complete
Northside Gateway Signage	Northside	Construction 2022
Northside Pylons and Pedestrian Wayfinding	Northside	Planning
Oakley Pedestrian Bridge and Gateway	Oakley	Complete
Oakley Pedestrian Wayfinding	Oakley	Construction 2022
ORT - Salem to Sutton Signage	California	Complete
ORT- Salem to Lunken Signage	California/East End	Construction 2022
ORT West Signage	Price Hill, Riverside, Sedamsville	Complete
Path to the Taft	CBD	Construction
Path to the Taft Improvement	CBD	Construction
Reading Road Improvements	Bond Hill	Planning - On Hold, pending funding
Reading Road Improvements	Roselawn	Planning - On Hold, pending funding
Riverside Gateway Signage	Riverside	Complete
Roselawn Gateway Totems	Roselawn	Complete
Saylor Park Kiosk	Saylor Park	Construction 2022
South Fairmount - Neighborhood Gateway Sign	South Fairmount	Complete
Spring Grove Village Gateway Signage	Spring Grove	Construction 2022
State Ave Streetscape	Lower Price Hill	Design - On Hold, pending funding
Vine Street Streetscape	OTR	Complete
Walnut Hills Streetscape	Walnut Hills	Complete
Wasson Way Bike Trail Signage	Oakley/Hyde Park	Complete
Welcome to Cincinnati Gateway Signage	CBD	Planning
West End Gateway Signage (Court/Linn)	West End	Complete
West End Gateway Signage (Findlay/Western)	West End	Complete
Woodburn Ave Streetscape	Evanston	Complete
Woodburn Avenue Streetscape	Evanston	Complete

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Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Safety Projects		
13th Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement	Pendleton	Complete
2021 Pedestrian Safety	City Wide	To Be Bid First Quarter 2022
Central Ave Raised Crosswalk	West End	Grant Application Submitted
City Wide Safety - High Friction Surface Treatment	City Wide	Complete
Fairbanks/Delhi Safety project (HFST, Pavement, Wall)	Sedamsville	To Be Bid Second Quarter 2022
Harrison & Kling Raised Crosswalk	Westwood	Design
Harrison Avenue NBD Pedestrian Safety	Westwood	Complete
Harrison Avenue Safety Improvements	Westwood	Grant Application Submitted
Langdon Farm Safety Improvements	Pleasant Ridge	Construction
Linn Street Safety Improvement	West End	Planning/Prelim Design
Ludlow Avenue Safety Improvement	Clifton	On Hold - Funding
Main Street Phase III Ped Safety	OTR	Complete
Montgomery Road Safety Project	Pleasant Ridge	Complete
Paxton Ave Safety Improvement	Oakley/Hyde Park	Final Design -
Pedestrian Safety Projects FY 19	City Wide	Complete
Pedestrian Safety Projects FY 20	City Wide	Complete
Pedestrian Safety Projects FY 21	City Wide	Under Construction
Pedestrian Safety Projects FY 22	City Wide	Planning
River Road Signal Upgrades with RR Pre-emption	Riverside	Grant Application Submitted
Street Calming Program	City Wide	On Going
Victory Parkway/Eden Park Safety Improvement	Walnut Hills/East Walnut Hills	Design
W. 8th St Improvements	Lower Price Hill	Design - On Hold
W. McMillan St Safety Improvement	CUF	Construction
Warsaw Ave Improvements	East Price Hill	Final Design -
Client Services/Neighborhood Requests		
E. Hollister Street Two-way	Mt. Auburn	Construction 2022
Erie & Rosslyn Redesign	Oakley/Hyde Park	Design
Garfield Garage Improvements	CBD	Complete
Reading/Paddock Intersestion Improvement	North Avondale	Design

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Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Reading/Summit Intersection Improvement	Roselawn	Design
Three Oaks Pedestrian Tunnel	Oakley	Prelim Design
Tusculum Avenue One-Way	Columbia Tusculum	Design
Traffic Signals		
Gamble HS, School Flasher	Westwood	Completed 2019
Linwood & Paxton Traffic Signal	Hyde Park	Completed 2019
2019 LED Lens Replacement	Various	Completed 2019
Montgomery Road Signals	Pleasant Ridge	Completed 2020
River & Wilkens Short Traffic Signal	Saylor Park	Completed 2020
Liberty Street Improvements	OTR	Completed 2020
2020 LED Lens Replacement	Various	Completed 2020
Depaul Cristo Rey HS, School Flasher	Clifton	Completed 2021
Este & Kings Run Traffic Signal	Spring Grove Village	Completed 2021
Old River Road & River Road	Sedamsville	Completed 2021
2021 LED Lens Replacement	Various	Completed 2021
Zone 9 CTCS Fiber Project	Carthage, Pleasant Ridge, Bond Hill	Completed 2022
Downtown CTCS Fiber Project	CBD, Banks	Completed 2022
Woodward HS, School Flasher	Bond Hill	Design 2022
2022 LED Lens Replacement	Various	Construction 2022
River & Thornton Avenue Signal and Improvements	Saylor Park	To Be Bid First Quarter 2022
Traffic Signals Contract No. 1	Various	To Be Bid Second Quarter 2022
OTR Fiber Project	OTR, Queensgate, West End	Design 2022
Traffic Signals Contract No. 2	Various	Design 2022
Mega Projects		
Eastern Corridor - Red Bank Road Corridor (Med Pace)	Madisonville/Linwood/Mt. Washington	Preliminary Design - On Hold
Western Hills Viaduct Replacement	Camp Washington/South Fairmount/CUF/West End/Queensgate	Design



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Program/Project	Neighborhood	Project Status
Street Lighting		
CBD LED Streetlight Conversion	CBD	Complete
Central Parkway Lighting Improvements	Clifton	Construction
Corry Street Lighting Improvements	Corryville	Design
CBD Street light Pole Replacement	CBD	Planning

Date: April 6, 2022

202200895

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
Subject: BALTIMORE AVENUE MURAL

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on the retaining wall located along Baltimore Avenue in the East Westwood neighborhood, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork.

The East Westwood Improvement Association would like to work with community volunteers to paint the Baltimore Street Mural on **4/23/2022** as part of their 2022 East Westwood Springfest activities. This is one of several projects that will be featured during the first annual East Westwood Springfest event, a three-day series of events designed to foster community pride and connectivity, which has been greatly impacted by the pandemic over the past two years. The mural design process had a great deal of community input from members across East Westwood through a series of focus group. The mural artist is Kira Loertscher, an art teacher at Roll Hill School. The project also looks to employ and provide stipends for up to five youth team members from the local youth council and schools to participate in the preparation and painting of the mural. Additional Community Partners include: the City of Cincinnati (Neighborhood Activation Fund), Westwood Works, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Cincinnati Toolbank, Roll Hill School, Third Presbyterian Church, East Westwood HOPE Center.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the public art project described in this ordinance to proceed to allow the corresponding benefits to the City and the East Westwood neighborhood to be realized at the earliest possible time.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

Attachment I –

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

EMERGENCY

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- 2022

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on the retaining wall located along Baltimore Avenue in the East Westwood neighborhood, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati wishes to install a series of murals (“Artwork”), beginning with the murals depicted in Exhibit A to this ordinance, on the retaining wall located along Baltimore Avenue in the East Westwood neighborhood to beautify the space and assist with wayfinding at a community entry point; and

WHEREAS, the City may designate one or more agents or contractors, including East Westwood Improvement Association (“EWIA”), to carry out all or a portion of the work required to design, install, and maintain the Artwork; and

WHEREAS, the City may also accept donations from one or more persons, including EWIA, in order to offset the cost and expense associated with the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork and to ensure the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork shall have little or no impact on the General Fund of the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork shall be performed under the management of the City Manager or his designee, and any agents or contractors of the City, including EWIA, shall comply with rules and regulations established by the City Manager and the City’s Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOT”) regarding the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork, including rules and regulations concerning its location, size, materials, means of installation, and maintenance as necessary to ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City’s design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork is the City’s own expression, constitutes government speech, and does not signify the City’s intent to create a free speech forum; and

WHEREAS, the City will own the Artwork created under this project, will maintain complete control over the surrounding public rights-of-way as necessary for public safety, and will require the artists who design, install, and maintain the Artwork to waive their rights in and to the Artwork, including waiving all applicable rights under the federal Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106A and 113(d), so as to ensure that expression made through the Artwork constitutes government speech; and

WHEREAS, the extent of maintenance and repair of the Artwork shall remain within the City's discretion, and the Artwork shall remain subject to removal by the City, in part or in whole, at any time; and

WHEREAS, prior to installation, DOTE will review the final design and placement of the Artwork to ensure it will not detract from, interfere with, or obscure official traffic control devices, will be safe, and will not unreasonably interfere with the use of the stairway by pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in promoting the arts, including within the public right-of-way, notwithstanding the provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would normally prohibit such displays, when the proposed display will not negatively impact the health, safety, or welfare of residents and users of the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 4, 2022, recommended that the City install the Artwork on the retaining wall located along Baltimore Avenue in the East Westwood neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork in the East Westwood neighborhood will beautify the public right-of-way, enhance civic pride, and advance public health and wellness goals; and

WHEREAS, the design, installation, and maintenance of this Artwork is consistent with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Council hereby declares the design, installation, and maintenance of murals ("Artwork") on the retaining wall located along Baltimore Avenue in the East Westwood neighborhood, including the murals depicted on the attached Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference, to be a matter of public interest, and it hereby resolves to raise public awareness of the arts through the design, installation, and maintenance of this conspicuous visual art; further that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would normally restrict such displays within the public right-of-way, Council has determined that the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare and will not negatively impact the health, safety, morals, or welfare of residents and users of the public right-of-way.

Section 2. That the City’s design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork is the City’s own expression, constitutes government speech, and does not signify the City’s intent to create a free speech forum.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to design, install, and maintain the Artwork on the retaining wall located along Baltimore Avenue in the East Westwood neighborhood, which Artwork shall be substantially consistent with the design depicted on the attached Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference, and shall be located in the area depicted on the same, notwithstanding any conflicting Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”) rules and regulations and any applicable provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 4. That the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork shall be performed under the management of the City Manager or his designee, and any agents or contractors of the City, including East Westwood Improvement Association, shall comply with rules and regulations established by the City Manager and DOTE regarding the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork, including rules and regulations concerning its colors, symbols, styles, location, size, materials, and means of installation and maintenance as necessary to ensure public safety.

Section 5. That the City Manager is authorized to engage one or more agents or contractors to assist with the City’s design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork on such terms and conditions that the City Manager determines are in the best interests of the City, and any work performed by the agents and contractors so engaged by the City Manager shall be performed under the management of the City Manager or his designee, who shall have the sole authority to approve the design, location, size, materials, and means of installation and maintenance of the Artwork and to establish rules and regulations for the same as necessary to ensure public safety.

Section 6. That the extent of maintenance and repair of the Artwork shall remain within the City's discretion, and the Artwork shall remain subject to removal by the City, in whole or in part, at any time.

Section 7. That the City will own the Artwork created under this project, will maintain complete control over the right of way as necessary for public safety, and will require the artists who design, install, and maintain the Artwork to waive their rights in and to the Artwork, including waiving all applicable rights to the Artwork under the federal Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106A and 113(d), so as to ensure that expression made through the Artwork constitutes government speech.

Section 8. That the City Manager is authorized to accept donations, including materials, labor, money, and in-kind services, on such terms and conditions that the City Manager determines are in the best interests of the City, to offset the cost and expense associated with the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork, so that the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork shall have minimal impact on the General Fund of the City of Cincinnati.

Section 9. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of Sections 1 through Section 8 hereof.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the public art project described in this ordinance to proceed to allow

the corresponding benefits to the City and the East Westwood neighborhood to be realized at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Mural A: Welcome to East Westwood



Mural B: Honeycomb

