

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$25,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian connections and safety.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation will award up to \$25,000,000 in grant funds through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) program for the purpose of investing in road, rail, transit, and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE grant award amount ranges from a minimum of \$5,000,000 to a maximum of \$25,000,000 per grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has multiple priorities to improve street safety for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”) intends to apply for the maximum amount for a grant to conduct a Complete Streets project, State to Central: Building Better Neighborhoods, which will include the right-sizing of Linn Street from Central Parkway to West 8th Street and West 8th Street from Linn Street to State Avenue, creating and improving bicycle connections on West 8th Street from Linn Street to downtown, installing streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements along State Avenue, and other projects that are suitable to fulfill the purposes of the grant; and

WHEREAS, DOTE intends to apply for the grant, which may be submitted prior to Council approval, however no grant resources will be accepted without Council authorization; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded the grant, a 20 percent local match will be required, so the source of matching funds will need to be identified prior to accepting the grant; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTE requirements associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, this grant project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and 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 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$25,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian connections and safety.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of Section 1 herein.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk