

April 9, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202500733

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: West Fork Road Landslide
OPWC Emergency Funds Program Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252348, “West Fork Road OPWC Grant,” to provide resources for an emergency repair due to a landslide occurring along a section of West Fork Road, approximately one-quarter mile west of Montana Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$562,120 from the State of Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) Emergency Funds Program; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit OPWC grant resources of up to \$562,120 into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252348, “West Fork Road OPWC Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the OPWC grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$562,120 from the State of Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Emergency Funds Program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit those grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252348, “West Fork Road OPWC Grant.” Additionally, this Emergency Ordinance allows the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the OPWC grant resources.

The recent landslide along West Fork Road has encroached into the roadway and is expected to cause continued distress if not addressed. Any further progression of the landslide will likely necessitate unplanned emergency lane closures. Grants are available from the Ohio Public Works Commission’s Emergency Funds Program to help assist local governments in addressing immediate threats to public health, safety, and welfare that are posed by failed infrastructure. The OPWC grant resources may be used by the City to repair or stabilize roadways and adjacent infrastructure affected by landslides to ensure continued access and prevent further damage.

The City submitted a pre-application to OPWC for emergency repair funding related to the landslide on West Fork Road. OPWC conditionally approved \$562,120 in funding on March 13, 2025. The OPWC grant requires a ten percent local match of

up to \$62,459, which may be provided by resources in existing capital improvement program project account "Street Improvements."

Remediation of West Fork Road 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 127-129 and 135-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to submit the final grant application and accept funding within the timeline necessary to conduct emergency stabilization and roadway repairs.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

