

February 7, 2024

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

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Streetcar OTP2 and FTA Grants**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x242385, “Streetcar Track 5 Extension – OTP2 Grant,” to provide resources for additional streetcar vehicle parking; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$975,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation Ohio Transit Partnership Program (“OTP2”) (ALN 20.205) to provide resources for preventative maintenance, equipment, and facility and technology upgrades for the streetcar system; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of up to \$900,000 in OTP2 grant resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x242385, “Streetcar Track 5 Extension – OTP2 Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$900,000 in OTP2 grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x242385, “Streetcar Track 5 Extension – OTP2 Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of up to \$75,000 in OTP2 grant resources to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide streetcar preventative maintenance support; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$75,000 in OTP2 grant resources into Streetcar Operations Fund 455 revenue account no. 455x8554; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$272,136 from the Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Funding (“FTA UAFF”) program (49 U.S.C. 5307) (ALN 20.507) to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide resources for streetcar preventative maintenance support; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$272,136 in FTA UAFF grant resources into Streetcar Operations Fund 455 revenue account no. 455x8554; 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:

1. the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x242385, “Streetcar Track 5 Extension – OTP2 Grant,” to provide resources for additional streetcar vehicle parking;
2. the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$975,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation Ohio Transit Partnership Program (“OTP2”) (ALN 20.205) to provide resources for preventative maintenance, equipment, and facility and technology upgrades for the streetcar system;
3. the City Manager to appropriate an amount up to \$900,000 in OTP2 grant resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x242385, “Streetcar Track 5 Extension – OTP2 Grant”;

4. the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$900,000 in OTP2 grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x242385, “Streetcar Track 5 Extension – OTP2 Grant”;
5. the City Manager to appropriate up to \$75,000 in OTP2 grant resources to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing streetcar preventative maintenance support;
6. the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$75,000 in OTP2 grant resources into Streetcar Operations Fund 455 revenue account no. 455x8554;
7. the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$272,136 from the Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Funding (“FTA UAFF”) program (49 U.S.C. 5307) (ALN 20.507) to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide resources for streetcar preventative maintenance support;
8. the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$272,136 in FTA UAFF grant resources into Streetcar Operations Fund 455 revenue account no. 455x8554; and
9. the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On June 14, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0227-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grant resources up to \$4,291,000 from the OTP2 to provide resources for preventative maintenance, equipment, and facility and technology upgrades for the streetcar system. The City was awarded OTP2 grant resources up to \$975,000, and City Council authorization is required to accept the grant resources.

The FTA UAFF provides federal resources to urbanized areas for transit-related capital and operating assistance and for transportation planning. The City receives annual funding from the FTA UAFF for streetcar preventative maintenance support, which requires City Council authorization to be accepted.

The OTP2 grant requires a twenty percent local match for preventative maintenance, which will be met using resources currently available in Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 and which are anticipated to be offset by State of Ohio Transportation Development Credits. The FTA UAFF grant also requires a twenty percent local match, which will be met using resources currently available in Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required for either grant.

Utilizing OTP2 and FTA UAFF grant resources to support the streetcar is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as described on page 129 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept federal and state grant resources in order to begin projects within the State of Ohio’s FY 2024 budget cycle.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

