

October 20, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202102996**

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Rail Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and at-grade rail crossing signalization construction projects throughout Cincinnati on U.S. Route 50.

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The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) identified four potential road grade crossing projects at the following locations: Anderson Ferry and River Road, Ashland Drive and River Road, Valvoline Drive and River Road, and 4335 River Road. These projects include upgrading traffic signal pre-emption equipment for at-grade rail crossings. If awarded, required local matching resources will come from existing DOTE capital projects. No new FTEs will be required.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “Develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and strategy to “Support regional and intercity transportation initiatives,” as described on pages 139 – 145 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

