

November 9, 2020

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *CB for PBM*

202002108

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) Grant for Streetcar Operations

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Transit Partnership Program awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation to the Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing resources for operating assistance to the streetcar system; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds in Fund 455, “Streetcar Operations.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will allow the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Transit Partnership Program awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation to the Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing resources for operating assistance to the streetcar system. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the Director of Finance to deposit the resources in Streetcar Operations Fund 455.

City Council authorized the City Administration, pursuant to Ordinance No. 0153-2020, to apply for financial assistance from the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) for transit purposes under the Ohio Transit Partnership Program for state fiscal year 2021. ODOT awarded a grant in an amount up to \$500,000 to the City pursuant to be used as operating assistance for the streetcar system. There is no local match required for this grant. No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources in a timely manner in order to support the streetcar operations for FY21.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment