

July 31, 2023

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202301853

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: FHWA Grant - Edwards Road

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant,” to provide grant resources for the Edwards Road Rehabilitation (HAM-561-1.83 PID 115742) project (the “Edwards Road Project”), which will rehabilitate Edwards Road from Madison Avenue to Observatory Avenue (SR 561) and Observatory Avenue from Edwards Road to Linwood Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$605,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant,” to provide resources for the Edwards Road Project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency Agreement with the Director of ODOT to complete the Edwards Road Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Edwards Road Project.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant,” to provide grant resources for the Edwards Road Rehabilitation (HAM-561-1.83 PID 115742) project (the “Edwards Road Project”), which will rehabilitate Edwards Road from Madison Avenue to Observatory Avenue (SR 561) and Observatory Avenue from Edwards Road to Linwood Avenue;
2. the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$605,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”) (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant,” to provide resources for the Edwards Road Project;

3. the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242344, “Edwards Road Rehab (PID 115742) Grant”;
4. the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency Agreement with the Director of ODOT to complete the Edwards Road Project; and
5. the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Edwards Road Project.

On behalf of the City of Cincinnati, the ODOT applied for a grant of up to \$605,000 from Federal Highway Administration funding (ALN 20.205) to support the Edwards Road Rehabilitation (HAM-561-1.83 PID 115742) project (the “Edwards Road Project”), which will rehabilitate Edwards Road from Madison Avenue to Observatory Avenue (SR 561) and Observatory Avenue from Edwards Road to Linwood Avenue. Grant resources will not be accepted without City Council approval.

The City’s estimated local match of \$3,520,000 will be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242308, “Street Rehabilitation.” The Department of Transportation and Engineering intends to fully cover the cost of project management, community involvement, and construction inspection from existing capital improvement program resources. There are no new FTEs/full-time equivalents associated with the acceptance of this grant.

The Edwards Road Project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and the strategy to “[u]se the City’s transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities” as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to meet ODOT deadlines and begin the Edwards Road Project as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment