



# City of Cincinnati

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## An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2023

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a Reconnecting Communities grant and a Neighborhoods Equity Program grant (ALN 20.940) awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$149,812,300 to construct cap structures above Fort Washington Way.

WHEREAS, installing cap structures above Fort Washington Way will enable the area to be claimed for additional public space in downtown Cincinnati as an area for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) may award a Reconnecting Communities grant for a minimum amount of \$5,000,000 with a required fifty percent local match that could be used for the Fort Washington Way project; and

WHEREAS, USDOT may award a separate Neighborhood Equity program grant of up to eighty percent of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was September 28, 2023, and the City has already applied for the grants, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded one or both grants, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will identify local matching sources as a condition of accepting the grants; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalent requirements associated with these grants; and

WHEREAS, pursuing grant opportunities to support the Fort Washington Way cap structures 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 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a Reconnecting Communities grant and a Neighborhoods Equity Program grant (ALN 20.940) awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$149,812,300 to construct cap structures above Fort Washington Way.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk