

September 2, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202501595

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant for the Reading Road & Summit Road Intersection**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262319, “Reading and Summit Safety Grant PID 119753,” to make improvements and enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Reading Road and Summit Road in the Roselawn neighborhood (the “PID 119753 project”); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) of up to \$1,080,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262319, “Reading and Summit Safety Grant PID 119753”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262319, “Reading and Summit Safety Grant PID 119753”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the PID 119753 project.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation of up to \$1,080,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262319, “Reading and Summit Safety Grant PID 119753,” to make improvements and enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Reading Road and Summit Road in the Roselawn neighborhood.

On March 12, 2025, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0052-2025, which authorized the City Manager to apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grants awarded by ODOT of up to \$2,000,000 to provide resources for pedestrian safety improvements. ODOT subsequently awarded the City a HSIP Systemic Safety grant of up to \$1,080,000 for enhancing pedestrian safety at the intersection of Reading Road and Summit Road in the Roselawn neighborhood.

This grant requires a ten percent local match of up to \$120,000, which is anticipated to be provided from existing capital improvement program project accounts nos. 980x232x232334, “Pedestrian Safety Improvements - GF” and 980x232x242305, “Safety Improvements”. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Implementing pedestrian safety measures 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 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources and meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

