

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Safe Routes to School program in an amount of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on Westwood Northern Boulevard between McHenry Avenue and Baltimore Avenue.

WHEREAS, various safety improvements within the City of Cincinnati would provide a safe and secure route within two miles of schools for local students; and

WHEREAS, a grant is available from the Ohio Department of Transportation through the Safe Routes to School grant program in an amount of up to \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require matching funds so long as the project costs are less than or equal to the total grant amount; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure that the project costs stay below the \$400,000 grant cap, preliminary engineering and design tasks will be completed using existing and future Department of Transportation and Engineering capital improvement program project account resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the March 4, 2022 submission deadline for this grant, the application may be submitted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, although no grant funds will be accepted without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, no additional FTEs are necessary for this grant; and

WHEREAS, implementation of various safety improvements within two miles of schools is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and 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 grant resources from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Safe Routes to School program in an amount of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on Westwood Northern Boulevard between McHenry Avenue and Baltimore Avenue.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant application program and Section 1 hereof.

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

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk