

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants of up to \$3,000,000 on a quarterly basis from the Ohio Department of Transportation for pedestrian and bicycle related projects that make walking and biking throughout the City a safe, convenient, and accessible transportation option for all Ohioans.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has announced a Pedestrian and Bicycle Special Solicitation program, accepting quarterly applications for various pedestrian and bicycle related projects, with priority given to those projects ready for construction before July 2026; and

WHEREAS, this program provides grants for plans and studies, data collection, education and promotion, short-term infrastructure projects, traditional infrastructure projects, and other related initiatives; and

WHEREAS, ODOT will continue accepting applications quarterly until the funding is exhausted, and the City intends to pursue funding for multiple projects, but no funding will be accepted without additional authorization from Council; and

WHEREAS, there are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these grants, and grants associated with plans and studies, data collection, and education and promotion projects do not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, grants for infrastructure related projects will require up to a twenty percent local match, which may be provided from existing capital improvement program accounts and will be identified before accepting any grant award; and

WHEREAS, applying for grants to support pedestrian and bicycle related projects aligns with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 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 grants of up to \$3,000,000 on a quarterly basis from the Ohio Department of Transportation for pedestrian and bicycle related projects that make walking and biking throughout the City a safe, convenient, and accessible transportation option for all Ohioans.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to comply with the terms of the grants 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: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk