

August 5, 2024

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202401862

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant for UC Area Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, “UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859,” to implement pedestrian safety and street calming measures at various locations on Clifton Avenue, Jefferson Avenue, and Martin Luther King Drive around the University of Cincinnati campus (the “UC Traffic Calming project”); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”) Abbreviated Safety Fund grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) of up to \$335,005 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, “UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, “UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a grant of in-kind materials valued at up to \$75,000 from the HSIP Abbreviated Safety Fund through ODOT to install quick-build curb-extensions around the University of Cincinnati campus (“HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project”); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to complete the UC Traffic Calming PID 121859 project and the HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC PID 121857 project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the UC Traffic Calming project and the HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, “UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859,” to implement pedestrian safety and street calming measures at various locations on Clifton Avenue, Jefferson Avenue, and Martin Luther King Drive around the University of Cincinnati campus (the “UC Traffic Calming project”);
2. the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”) Abbreviated Safety Fund grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) in the amount of up to \$335,005 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252365, “UC Area Pedestrian Safety Grant PID 121859”;
3. the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the capital improvement program project account;

4. the City Manager to accept a grant of in-kind materials valued at up to \$75,000 from the HSIP Abbreviated Safety Fund through ODOT to install quick-build curb-extensions around the University of Cincinnati campus (“HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project”);
5. the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement with ODOT to complete the UC Traffic Calming project and the HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project; and
6. the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the UC Traffic Calming project and the HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project.

On September 13, 2017, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0239-2017, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grants up to \$500,000 awarded by the ODOT HSIP to ensure the timely completion of various safety improvement projects throughout the City.

The City applied for HSIP grants on April 2, 2024, and was awarded an amount of up to \$335,005 to implement pedestrian safety and street calming measures at various locations on Clifton Avenue, Jefferson Avenue, and Martin Luther King Drive around the University of Cincinnati campus (the “UC Traffic Calming project”). The City was also awarded in-kind materials valued at up to \$75,000 to install quick-build curb-extensions around the University of Cincinnati Campus (the “HAM Cincinnati Ped PO-UC project”). No resources will be accepted without the authorization of the City Council.

Acceptance of the HSIP grants of funds and in-kind materials does not require any matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the HSIP grants.

Implementing pedestrian safety and street calming 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 begin work to meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment