

Date: January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: ORDINANCE – BLAIR AVENUE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

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Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of maintenance activities for the bridge which carries Blair Avenue over Interstate 71 in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's bridge maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has identified the need to perform maintenance activities for the bridge which carries Blair Avenue over Interstate 71, in connection with ODOT's bridge maintenance project PID No. 112983, located in the City of Cincinnati, community of Avondale.

No City right-of-way is required for the Project other than for temporary access and there is no change in use to City streets arising from the Project. The State of Ohio has requested that all necessary right-of-way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations.

The State of Ohio will provide 100% of the eligible cost of the work.

The City's Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approves of the proposed project. Any changes to the street layout or right-of-way are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no such changes have been identified at this stage of the Project.

The State of Ohio and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities of the right-of-way in the Project area for public highway purposes, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law, upon completion of the Project.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering