

March 18, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Accept and Appropriate SORTA Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (MTIF) Grants (3 Projects)

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262350, “Ridge Avenue Rehabilitation MTIF Grant 2,” to provide resources to restore deteriorating pavement along Ridge Avenue in the Oakley and Pleasant Ridge neighborhoods; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262352, “Elm and Main Street MTIF Grant,” to provide resources to construct replacement track drains along the streetcar alignment in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262355, “Hopple Street Viaduct PID 121735 MTIF Grant,” to provide resources to replace expansion joints and wearing surface along the Hopple Street viaduct in the Camp Washington, North Fairmount, and Millvale neighborhoods; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$4,559,000 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (“SORTA”) Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (“MTIF”); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate SORTA MTIF grant resources as follows: (1) up to \$3,000,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262350, “Ridge Avenue Rehabilitation MTIF Grant 2”; (2) up to \$560,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262352, “Elm and Main Street MTIF Grant”; and (3) up to \$999,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262355, “Hopple Street Viaduct PID 121735 MTIF Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit SORTA MTIF grant resources as follows: (1) up to \$3,000,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262350, “Ridge Avenue Rehabilitation MTIF Grant 2”; (2) up to \$560,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262352, “Elm and Main Street MTIF Grant”; and (3) up to \$999,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262355, “Hopple Street Viaduct PID 121735 MTIF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

- A. The City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$4,559,000 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (MTIF);

- B. The City Manager to appropriate SORTA MTIF grant resources as follows:
1. up to \$3,000,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262350, “Ridge Avenue Rehabilitation MTIF Grant 2” to provide resources to restore deteriorating pavement along Ridge Avenue in the Oakley and Pleasant Ridge neighborhoods;
 2. up to \$560,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262352, “Elm and Main Street MTIF Grant” to provide resources to construct replacement track drains along the streetcar alignment in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods; and
 3. up to \$999,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262355, “Hopple Street Viaduct PID 121735 MTIF Grant” to provide resources to replace expansion joints and wearing surface along the Hopple Street viaduct in the Camp Washington, North Fairmount, and Millvale neighborhoods;
- C. The Director of Finance to deposit SORTA MTIF grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project accounts and;
- D. The City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

This grant requires matching funds for each project, as follows:

- A. Ridge Avenue rehabilitation requires up to \$3,500,000,
- B. Elm Street to Main Street improvements requires up to \$140,000; and
- C. Hopple Street preventative maintenance requires up to \$7,914,167.

Matching resources for each of these projects are available through existing capital improvement program project accounts and previously accepted grants. There are no new FTE/full time equivalents associated with the acceptance of these grant resources.

Street and pavement improvements, rehabilitation, and preventative maintenance are 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 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure timely acceptance of awarded grant funds and to meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments