

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Rail Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and at-grade rail crossing signalization construction projects throughout Cincinnati on U.S. Route 50.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Rail Administration, under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program, has made grant funds available to local agencies for various rail safety improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering has identified four potential road grade crossing projects at the following locations: Anderson Ferry and River Road, Ashland Drive and River Road, Valvoline Drive and River Road, and 4335 River Road, which include upgrading traffic signal pre-emption equipment for at-grade rail crossings; and

WHEREAS, local match funds would be required for acceptance, which will come from existing DOTE capital projects; and

WHEREAS, no additional FTEs are associated with these grants; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and strategy to “support regional and intercity transportation initiatives,” as described on pages 139 – 145 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 hereby authorized to apply for grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Rail Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and at-grade rail crossing signalization construction projects throughout Cincinnati on U.S. Route 50.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1 herein.

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

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk