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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Safe Routes to School Grant Application**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation from the Safe Routes to School program in an amount of up to $400,000 for the purpose of implementing various safety improvements within two miles of schools within the City of Cincinnati.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount of up to $400,000 from the Safe Routes to School grant program, awarded by ODOT, for the purpose of implementing various safety improvements within two miles of schools within the City of Cincinnati.

Local matching funds are not required as long as the total project costs are less than or equal to the grant amount. In an effort to ensure that the total cost is below the grant cap, preliminary engineering and design tasks will be completed using existing and future capital improvement program project accounts in the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE). No additional FTE are associated with these applications.

In order to meet the grant submission deadline of March 5, 2021, the application will be submitted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, though no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

The implementation of various safety improvements within two miles of schools is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" as well as the strategies to "expand options for non-automotive travel" and to "plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system," as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment