

July 31, 2023

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202301851
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: HSIP Grant - Harrison Ave. Improvements

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant,” to provide resources to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant of up to \$6,143,865 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant.”

Approval of this Ordinance establishes capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant” to provide resources to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”) grant in an amount up to \$6,143,865 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242348, “Harrison Avenue Improvements HSIP Grant.”

Ordinance No. 0294-2022 authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000,000 from the HSIP, administered by ODOT, for the purpose of providing financial assistance for the Harrison Avenue Safety Improvement project. ODOT awarded an amount \$1,143,865 over the initial authorized application amount of \$5,000,000 for this project due to anticipated project cost increases.

The grant requires a local match of \$2,000,000, which will come from a combination of existing resources available in capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242360, “Harrison Avenue Right-Sizing,” as well as anticipated future funding for the “Harrison Avenue Right-Sizing” capital project in FY 2025, and potential grant resources. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required.

The Harrison Avenue Improvements project 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



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