

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the United States Department of Transportation of up to \$501,000,000 from the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (ALN 20.937), of up to \$386,000,000 from the Bridge Investment Program (ALN 20.205), and of up to \$50,000,000 from the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940), all to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (ALN 20.205) of up to \$70,000,000 to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

WHEREAS, replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct and the demolition of the existing viaduct is expected to take approximately ten years to complete; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program grant requires forty percent matching resources, the Bridge Investment Program and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program require fifty percent matching resources, and the Transportation Review Advisory Council grant requires twenty percent matching resources; and

WHEREAS, local matching sources are expected to come from other federal grant resources as well as existing and future capital improvement program project allocations for the “Western Hills Viaduct,” “Maintenance Fund for Bridges,” “Bridge Rehabilitation Program,” and “Western Hills Viaduct Transit Grants”; and

WHEREAS, the various grant application deadlines have passed and the City already has applied for the grants, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the acceptance of these grants; and

WHEREAS, the Western Hills Viaduct replacement project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and the strategy to “[u]se the City’s transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities” as described on pages 139-143 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 authorized to apply for grant resources awarded by the United States Department of Transportation of up to \$501,000,000 from the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (ALN 20.937), of up to \$386,000,000 from the Bridge

Investment Program (ALN 20.205), and of up to \$50,000,000 from the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940), all to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (ALN 20.205) of up to \$70,000,000 to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grants and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk