

March 29, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202301001

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: FTA Persistent Poverty Grant for Streetcar

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Federal Transit Administration under the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505) for the purpose of providing resources for improvements and upgrades to streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505) for the purpose of providing resources for improvements and upgrades to streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) has already applied for the grant to meet the March 10, 2023 deadline. Grant funding will not be accepted without City Council approval.

If the City is awarded the grant, a ten percent local match will be required in an amount of up to \$50,000, which will be provided from future capital improvement program project accounts.

No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

Applying for grant resources to improve and upgrade streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software 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



Attachment