

January 19, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SM* 202300356

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Accept and Appropriate SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants (TIG)**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of eleven new capital improvement program project accounts in the Department of Transportation and Engineering according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation, for the purpose of providing Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund resources for the timely completion of various public infrastructure projects throughout the City; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$18,345,830 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund to the various newly established capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the establishment of eleven new capital improvement program project accounts in the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE), according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation, for the purpose of providing Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund resources for the timely completion of various public infrastructure projects throughout the City. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$18,345,830 from the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund to the various newly established capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On August 3, 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0239-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various public infrastructure projects throughout the City. The City was awarded grant resources in the amount of up to \$18,345,830. Grant resources will not be accepted without approval from the City Council.

Anticipated sources of local matching funds are identified in Attachment A. No additional FTEs are associated with the acceptance of these grant resources.

The implementation of various public infrastructure 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 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the Department of Transportation and Engineering to accept and appropriate grants awarded by the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund within the timeline established by SORTA.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment