

May 13, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202601551

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Various Grant Applications

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for various grants of up to \$6,000,000 per application from the Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (“MTIF”) program as awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (“SORTA”), the Municipal Road Fund (“MRF”) program awarded by Hamilton County, the State Capital Improvement Program (“SCIP”), Local Transportation Improvement Program (“LTIP”), and Revolving Loan Program (“RLP”) grants awarded by the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”), and the Surface Transportation Block Grants (“STBG”), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (“CMAQ”) grants, Transportation Alternatives (“TA”) grants, and STBG Repaving program grants awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”) (ALN 20.205), to fund various City road, bridge, pedestrian, and bicycle construction projects identified in Attachment A.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for various grants, all to fund various Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) projects. DOTE identified the attached list of projects for potential grant funding, although the list is subject to change, and DOTE may apply for resources for projects not included in the attachment.

Since the first grant application deadline is May 29, 2026, the City may have already applied for grants, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Depending on the terms of the grant award for each project, local matching resources may be required and will be identified in future capital improvement program project funding. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these grants.

The implementation of various road, bridge, pedestrian, and bicycle construction projects is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[p]lan, design and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to apply for the grant resources in relation to established application deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

