

February 24, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

John P. Curp 202200471

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Safe Routes to School Grant Application

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Safe Routes to School program in an amount of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on Westwood Northern Boulevard between McHenry Avenue and Baltimore Avenue.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)’s Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program in the amount of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on Westwood Northern Boulevard between McHenry Avenue and Baltimore Avenue.

The grant does not require matching funds as long as the project costs are less than or equal to the grant amount. In an effort to ensure the project costs stay below the \$400,000 amount, preliminary engineering and design tasks will be completed using existing and future Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) capital improvement program project account resources. No new FTEs are required.

The application deadline is March 4, 2022, and the application may be submitted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. Grant resources will not be accepted without authorization from the City Council.

The implementation of various safety improvements within two miles of schools is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the strategies to “expand options for non-automotive travel” and to “plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

