

August 1, 2022

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager **202201608**

Subject: **Ordinance – DOTE: Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Application for Western Hills Viaduct**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount of up to \$200,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (ALN 20.205) to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount of up to \$200 million awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) through the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) (ALN 20.205) to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

The estimated cost of replacing the Western Hills Viaduct (WHV) is \$398 million and includes costs for design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, removals, and demolition of the existing viaduct after a new viaduct is complete and operational. The replacement of the WHV and the demolition of the existing viaduct is expected to take approximately ten years to complete.

The BIP grant may be used for up to 50 percent of eligible project costs and requires a 50 percent match, of which a minimum of 20 percent must be local matching sources. Anticipated local matching sources include future allocations in the “Western Hills Viaduct,” “Maintenance Fund for Bridges,” and the “Bridge Rehabilitation Program” capital improvement program project accounts. If awarded grant funding, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) will request City Council authorization to accept the grant and will only accept an amount for which matching resources are available.

No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

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 “[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
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