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APPROVING the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program for the Connector as recommended by the Connector’s Accountable Executive, Deputy Director of Streetcar Services, and the Transit Coordinator.

WHEREAS, the City is a rail transit agency subject to Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) requirements governing such transit agencies; and

WHEREAS, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 21.7 and the annual certifications and grant assurance with the FTA require that rail transit agencies update their Title VI Programs every three years; and

WHEREAS, Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states no person in the United States shall, on the ground or race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati is dedicated to providing its programs, services, and activities without regard to race, gender, age, color, religion, disability status, marital status, sexual orientation, or transgendered status, ethnicity, national origin, Appalachian ancestry, veteran status, military status, genetic history, HIV status, or any other category protected under federal, state, and local laws; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program must be approved by each transit agency’s board of directors or an equivalent authority, in this case City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in her capacity as the Accountable Executive for the streetcar, the Deputy Director of Streetcar Services, and the Transit Coordinator for the streetcar have since further revised the Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program to ensure compliance with all federal obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s revised Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program maintains the City’s commitment to upholding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in its streetcar operations; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein, is approved as the required Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program for the Connector, the streetcar system located in downtown and Over-the-Rhine.

Section 2. That the City Manager and all appropriate City officials are authorized to submit the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program to the Federal transit Administration for review and approval.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of Section 1 through Section 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to submit the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program to the Federal Transit Administration within the required time frame.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk