

August 4, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202501556

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – DOTE: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant for Reading Road & Asmann Avenue Pedestrian Safety**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262315, “Reading & Asmann Sidewalk PID 120858 Grant,” to provide resources for constructing a sidewalk from mid-block Asmann Avenue to Reading Road and along a segment of Reading Road, as well as reducing the intersection width at Reading Road and Asmann Avenue, all to promote pedestrian safety and connectivity; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Transportation Alternatives grant (ALN 20.205) of up to \$1,000,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262315, “Reading & Asmann Sidewalk PID 120858 Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262315, “Reading & Asmann Sidewalk PID 120858 Grant,” to provide resources for constructing a sidewalk from mid-block Asmann Avenue to Reading Road and along a segment of Reading Road, as well as reducing the intersection width at Reading Road and Asmann Avenue, all to promote pedestrian safety and connectivity.
2. The City Manager to accept and appropriate a Transportation Alternatives grant (ALN 20.205) of up to \$1,000,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262315, “Reading & Asmann Sidewalk PID 120858 Grant”.
3. The Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account.

On May 17, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0161-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a Transportation Alternatives grant of up to \$1,000,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI).

OKI subsequently awarded the City up to \$1,000,000 to construct a sidewalk from mid-block Asmann Avenue to Reading Road and along a segment of Reading Road, as well as reduce the

intersection width at Reading Road and Asmann Avenue, all to promote pedestrian safety and connectivity.

Acceptance of the OKI grant requires matching resources of up to \$250,000, which will be available in existing and future capital improvement program project accounts. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the OKI grant.

Improving pedestrian safety and connectivity along Asmann Avenue and Reading Road is in accordance with the “[c]onnect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood vitality” and strategy to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” as described on pages 129-133 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

