

May 24, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202301490

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Additional Grant Resources for Computerized Traffic Signal System**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232337, “Computerized Traffic Signal System Grant,” to provide resources for constructing an interconnected fiber optic cable system and for upgrading the computerized traffic signal system in the downtown area; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional grant resources of up to \$400,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232337, “Computerized Traffic Signal System Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to amend the existing Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement with ODOT to include the additional grant resources and project scope.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will establish capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232337, “Computerized Traffic Signal System Grant,” to provide resources to construct an interconnected fiber optic cable system and for upgrading the computerized traffic signal system in the downtown area. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional grant resources in an amount of up to \$400,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x239x232337, “Computerized Traffic Signal System Grant”. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the City Manager to amend the existing Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to include the additional grant resources and project scope.

On April 27, 2016, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0101-2016, which authorized the City Manager to accept and appropriate grants of \$4,000,000 from the FHWA, administered by ODOT, for the purpose of providing resources for constructing an interconnected fiber optic cable system and for upgrading the computerized traffic signal system in the downtown area. Ordinance No. 0101-2016 also authorized the City Manager to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the HAM-CTCS Various Project (ODOT PID 94484) to construct an interconnected fiber optic cable system and for upgrading the computerized traffic signal system in

the downtown area. This authorization includes entering into a Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement with ODOT for the expenditure and administration of the grant funds.

Additional grant resources of up to \$400,000 are now available from the FHWA, as administered by ODOT, for the HAM-CTCS Various Project (ODOT PID 94484), requiring the LPA agreement to be amended to include the additional grant resources and project scope.

Acceptance of the grant requires local matching resources of up to 20%, totaling up to \$80,000, which may be provided from existing capital improvement program project accounts. The grant resources do not require additional FTEs.

Upgrading the Computerized Traffic Signal System is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and the strategy to “[u]se the City’s transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities” as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant resources before the end of the fiscal year.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

