

March 10, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *SM per PM*

**Subject:** Ordinance – Western Hills Viaduct INFRA Grant Application

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$150,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (CFDA 20.934) discretionary grant program to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$150,000,000 from the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program through the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant resources require local matching resources of approximately 40 percent, of which 20 percent may come from other grant resources. The local portion of this match is expected to come from Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) capital budget resources in the "Maintenance Fund for Bridges" and "Bridge Rehabilitation Program" project accounts.

Due to the application deadline, this application will be submitted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. DOTE will only accept grant resources for which City Council has provided authorization.

The replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality," and the strategy to "use the city's transportation network to facilitate economic development opportunities," as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Biggam, Assistant City Manager  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

