



City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____ - 2021

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant in an amount up to \$150,000,000 from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (CFDA 20.205), awarded by and through the Ohio Department of Transportation, to provide resources for construction associated with replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into the necessary agreements with Hamilton County to jointly apply for these grant resources.

WHEREAS, the total current estimated cost of replacing the Western Hills Viaduct is \$335,000,000, including costs for design, right of way acquisition, construction, removals, and interim maintenance on the existing viaduct until a new viaduct is complete and operational; and

WHEREAS, a grant is available from the Transportation Review Advisory Council ("TRAC") (CFDA 20.205), awarded by and through the Ohio Department of Transportation, for the purpose of providing resources for construction associated with replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, the City previously applied for and was awarded grants in the amount of \$15,000,000 for design, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations associated with replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, if any grant resources are awarded, an amount up to \$15,000,000 will need to be identified in future capital improvement program resources, in addition to a local match contribution of up to \$15,000,000 from Hamilton County, to meet an anticipated 20% local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, applications for these grant resources will be submitted prior to the effective date of this ordinance to meet the application deadline of March 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funding, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will require authorization from the City Council in order to accept the grant and will only accept funding in an amount for which matching funds are available; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with the acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Western Hills Viaduct is owned by Hamilton County but maintained by the City through contractual agreement, and the City Manager will therefore need to enter into an agreement with Hamilton County to jointly apply for the grant; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct 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 sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a Transportation Review Advisory Council grant in an amount up to \$150,000,000, awarded by and through the Ohio Department of Transportation, for the purpose of providing resources for construction associated with replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with Hamilton County in order to jointly apply for this grant.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of this grant application and Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk