

RESOLUTION NO. 41 - 2020

URGING all entities with spending authorization to provide priority funding to the Reading Road Bus-Only Lane Program expansion from newly-available resources through the Hamilton County Integrating Committee as a result of the passage of Issue 7 by voters in Spring 2020, in order to create a truly integrated, connected, and effective bus service in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, in 2018, City Council passed legislation creating the City's first-ever Bus-Only Lane Program on Main Street in Downtown, a corridor through which nearly 650 Metro buses travel each day; and

WHEREAS, Metro currently operates under a hub-and-spoke model, where a significant portion of Metro's fleet passes through Downtown, creating delays across the system if Downtown traffic congestion slows bus operations along Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street bus-only lane allows for expedited travel for buses through this busy corridor, ensuring passengers are able to get to and from work, school, and medical appointments in a more efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati City Council supports pursuing the expansion of the Bus-Only Lane Program to the Reading Road corridor, specifically the stretch running from William Howard Taft Road to Paddock Road, utilizing resources available as a result of the passage of Issue 7; and

WHEREAS, expanding the Bus-Only Lane Program to the Reading Road corridor will require significant planning, technical expertise, community engagement, and collaboration between the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, SORTA, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Bus-Only Lane Program will be an investment in our people, our workforce, and our region's ability to enhance connectivity to jobs, healthcare, educational, and recreational opportunities, and aligns with Plan Cincinnati (2012), the City of Cincinnati's comprehensive planning road-map for the future of our city; now, therefore,

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

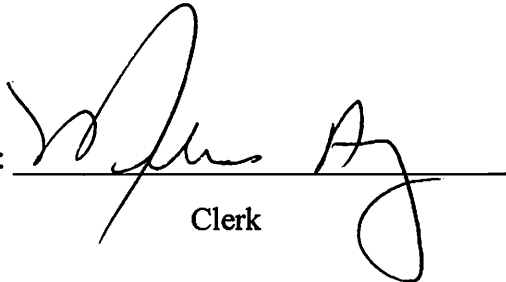
Section 1. That City Council hereby urges all entities with spending authorization to provide priority funding to the Reading Road Bus-Only Lane Program expansion from newly-

available resources through the Hamilton County Integrating Committee as a result of the passage of Issue 7 by voters in Spring 2020, in order to create a truly integrated, connected, and effective bus service in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Section 2. That City Council will support the expansion of the project through necessary legislative and administrative processes.

Section 3. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that the Clerk of Council will transmit copies of this resolution to the executive leadership and Board of SORTA, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, and the Hamilton County Integrating Committee.

Passed: August 5, 2020

Attest: 
Clerk

John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld