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To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Maintenance Fund for Bridges**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242367, “Maintenance Fund for Bridges 2022-2026,” for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Hamilton County-owned bridges and viaducts located within the City; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate annual Municipal Road Fund allocations of up to \$1,000,000 from the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners, totaling up to \$5,000,000 for program years 2022 through 2026 (the “2022-2026 MRF Allocations”), in accordance with the bridge maintenance agreement entered into between the City and Hamilton County; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the 2022-2026 MRF Allocations into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242367, “Maintenance Road Fund for Bridges 2022-2026.”

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x232367, “Maintenance Fund for Bridges 2022-2026” for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Hamilton County-owned bridges and viaducts located within the City;
2. the City Manager to accept and appropriate annual Municipal Road Fund (MRF) allocations of up to \$1,000,000 from the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners, totaling up to \$5,000,000 for program years 2022 through 2026 (the “2022-2026 MRF Allocations”), in accordance with the bridge maintenance agreement entered into between the City and Hamilton County; and
3. the Finance Director to deposit the 2022-2026 MRF Allocations into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242367, “Maintenance Road Fund for Bridges 2022-2026.”

In Ordinance No. 0069-2017, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners for the maintenance of Hamilton County-owned bridges located within the City (the “Bridge Maintenance Agreement”). Pursuant to the Bridge Maintenance Agreement, the City may receive annual Municipal Road Fund allocations of up to \$1,000,000. In Ordinance No. 0234-2018, the City Council authorized the City Manager to accept and appropriate annual Municipal Road Fund allocations of up to \$1,000,000 from program years 2017 through 2021. On March 30, 2022, the City and Hamilton County exercised their option to extend the Bridge Maintenance Agreement through December 31, 2026.

There are no new FTEs/full-time equivalents associated with accepting additional Municipal Road Fund allocations for program years 2022 through 2026.

Maintaining and repairing bridges and viaducts located within the City of Cincinnati is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and strategy to “[p]lan, design and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate the 2022-2026 MRF Allocations to begin maintenance and repair work pursuant to the Bridge Agreement.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment