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Tom Suster
President, Westwood Civic Association

Ms. Carter;

Westwood is working with DOTE staff on a traffic calming plan for the section of Harrison Avenue running through the historical business district from Kling Avenue to Boudinot Avenue. Components of this plan include raised intersections at Montana and Epworth and raised crosswalks with bumpouts at Kling, Temple and Montclair. These improvements will provide an immense public benefit to the Westwood community by significantly calming traffic on Harrison Avenue and improving safety for operators of vehicles, bicyclist and pedestrians within the business district.

DOTE has submitted two grant applications on our behalf. The STIC grant would fund the raised crosswalk at Montclair, and the ODOT one would fund the raised crosswalk at Kling. Later this year or in early 2022 we will request additional funding from ODOT for the remainder of the work. These grants have a matching requirement and soft costs which we must provide. The 10/31/2020 balance in the Westwood TIF 17 account is \$135,435.59. WestCURC with the concurrence of the Westwood Civic Association would like to request \$110,947 of that balance for safety improvements indicated above. Additionally, WestCURC and WCA will commit to support the use of additional TIF funds for construction if grant funding is awarded to these two grant applications and construction costs come in over budget.

The details are below:

Ohio's State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Application for the Montclair crosswalk

\$9,221 Engineering and Survey
\$7,685 Construction Engineering
\$19,041 Local Match

ODOT Abbreviated Safety Application for the Kling crosswalk

\$25,000 Design
\$25,000 Construction Management
\$25,000 Local Match

Combined Total \$110,947

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Sincerely,

Greg Hand
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Ms. Carter,

Westwood is working with DOTD staff on a traffic calming plan for the section of Harrison Avenue running through the historical business district from King Avenue to Broadfoot Avenue. Components of this plan include raised intersections at Montrose and Fourth and raised crosswalks with bollards at King, Temple and Broadfoot. These improvements will provide an immense public benefit to the Westwood community by significantly calming traffic on Harrison Avenue and improving safety for operation of vehicles, bicyclist and pedestrians within the business district.

DOTD has submitted two grant applications on our behalf. The STC grant would fund the raised crosswalk at Montrose, and the ODOT one would fund the raised crosswalk at King. Later this year or in early 2022, we will request additional funding from ODOT for the remainder of the work. These grants have a matching requirement and soft costs which we must provide. The 10/31/2020 balance in the Westwood TR 17 account is \$135,435.09. WestCURC with the concurrence of the Westwood Civic Association would like to request \$230,547 of that balance for safety improvements indicated above. Additionally, WestCURC and WCA will commit to support the use of additional TR funds for construction if grant funding is awarded to these two grant applications and construction costs come in over budget.

The details are below:

Ohio's State Transportation Infrastructure Council (STIC) Application for the Montrose crosswalk

\$9,721 Engineering and Survey
\$7,885 Construction Engineering
\$19,943 Local Match

ODOT Absorbed Safety Application for the King crosswalk

\$25,000 Design
\$71,000 Construction Management
\$25,000 Local Match

Combined Total \$130,647