

April 3, 2024

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

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SM*

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Local Major Bridge (LMB) Program Grant for Hopple Street Viaduct**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, “Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint – LMB,” to provide resources for the design, construction, and right-of-way acquisition associated with the major preventative maintenance work on the Hopple Street Viaduct; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant up to \$9,040,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation Local Major Bridge program (ALN 20.205) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, “Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint – LMB”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, “Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint – LMB”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance accomplishes the following:

1. establishes new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242378, “Hopple St Viaduct Preventative Maint – LMB,” to provide resources for the design, construction, and right-of-way acquisition associated with the major preventative maintenance work on the Hopple Street Viaduct;
2. authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a \$9,040,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) Local Major Bridge (“LMB”) program (ALN 20.205) to the newly established capital improvement program project account;
3. authorizes the Finance Director to deposit grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account; and
4. authorizes the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On November 1, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0361-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the ODOT LMB program to provide resources for design and construction services associated with major preventative maintenance work on the Hopple Street Viaduct. The City

was awarded up to \$9,040,000 for this project, and City Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate the grant award.

A local match of up to \$2,260,000 will be required during Fiscal Years 2025 through 2027, which is anticipated to be paid from existing and future “Maintenance Fund for Bridges” capital improvement program project accounts. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Performing major preventative maintenance work on the Hopple Street Viaduct is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” 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 authorize the City Manager to accept the grant award by the established deadline of April 12, 2024.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment