

## **EMERGENCY**

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**- 2026**

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756,” to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the “Gilbert Avenue Safety Project”), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756,” to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, on behalf of the City of Cincinnati, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) applied for a grant of up to \$3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205) to support the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the “Gilbert Avenue Safety Project”), a two-mile long Complete Street beginning at Court Street to the south and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the north, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; and

WHEREAS, the City’s estimated local match of up to \$950,000 will be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242359, “Gilbert Avenue Complete Street,” and other anticipated eligible grant resources; and

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

WHEREAS, ODOT has already applied for the grant on behalf of the City, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, providing resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756,” to provide grant resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the “Gilbert Avenue Safety Project”), a two-mile long Complete Street beginning at Court Street in the south and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in the north, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756,” to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756.”

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT in order to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources to meet established project deadlines.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk