

February 8, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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

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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Complete Streets RAISE Grant Application

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a study and creating a preliminary design for a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing pedestrian connections and safety.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a study and creating a preliminary design for a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing pedestrian connections and safety.

The RAISE grant award amount ranges from \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000 per grant. The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) intends to apply for a grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 to conduct a study and create a preliminary design for a Complete Streets project, which will include Complete Streets concepts to determine the feasibility of right-sizing the corridor along Westwood Northern Boulevard between Beekman Avenue and the western corporation line near Boudinot Avenue, eliminating gaps in the sidewalk network, addressing crash locations, and determining which Complete Streets concepts can be implemented in the corridor. DOTE will apply for the grant by the deadline on February 28, 2023; however, no grant resources will be accepted without City Council authorization.

This grant requires a 20 percent local match of \$1,250,000 based on the estimated cost of \$6,250,000. The source of matching funds will need to be identified prior to accepting the grant. There are no new FTE requirements associated with this grant.

This grant project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and 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 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

