

October 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202402177

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Various Grants for Western Hills Viaduct (WHV)

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the United States Department of Transportation of up to \$501,000,000 from the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (ALN 20.937), of up to \$386,000,000 from the Bridge Investment Program (ALN 20.205), and of up to \$50,000,000 from the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940), all to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (ALN 20.205) of up to \$70,000,000 to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) from the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program in an amount up to \$501,000,000, the Bridge Investment Program in an amount up to \$386,000,000, and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program in an amount up to \$50,000,000. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$70,000,000 awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC). If awarded, grants will provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

The grants require matching resources ranging from 20 to 50 percent. Matching resources will come from other federal grant resources as well as existing and future capital improvement program project allocations. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these grants.

The City has already applied for the grants, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

The Western Hills Viaduct replacement project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and the strategy to “[u]se the City’s transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities” as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment