

EMERGENCY

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- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program of up to \$1,000,000 to provide resources for a pedestrian and bicycle project focused on providing students of local schools with safe routes to school.

WHEREAS, various pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements near local schools will provide safe and secure routes for students; and

WHEREAS, a grant is available from the Ohio Department of Transportation through the Safe Routes to School grant program in an amount of up to \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant would assist with funding for the construction of a planned roadway project to install bicycle infrastructure and create safety improvements along Court Street downtown, including creating a bicycle connection and a comprehensive bicycle network in downtown, Over-the-Rhine, and the West End, and improving the intersection of Central Avenue and West 9th Street for safer crossings for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was March 6, 2026, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, providing students with pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements near local schools 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 127-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program of up to \$1,000,000 to provide resources for a pedestrian and bicycle project focused on providing students of local schools with safe routes to school.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. 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 meet the schedule requirements for the next round of funding and legislation due to ODOT by the deadline of May 1, 2026.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk