

May 10, 2023

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

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



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**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Western Hills Viaduct Grants**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x232324, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 Grant,” 980x233x232325, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 HC Match,” 980x233x232326, “WHV – OKI STBG 2019 Grant,” and 980x233x232327, “WHV – OKI STBG 2019 HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate grant and matching resources in an amount up to \$12,375,000 according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x232324, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 Grant,” 980x233x232325, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 HC Match,” 980x233x232326, “WHV – OKI STBG 2019 Grant,” and 980x233x232327, “WHV – OKI STBG 2019 HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to appropriate grant and matching resources in an amount up to \$12,375,000 according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation.

On June 17, 2020, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0186-2020, which authorized the City Manager to accept grant and matching resources in an amount up to \$23,026,315.79 and to appropriate the sum of \$10,651,315.79. Resources that were not yet available were not appropriated by this Ordinance, including a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and a Local Bridge Program grant awarded by the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO).

Grant and matching resources totaling up to \$12,375,000 are now available and must be appropriated to capital improvement program project accounts for the purpose of providing resources for the Western Hills Viaduct project. No new FTEs are associated with the acceptance of these resources.

The Western Hills Viaduct project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to appropriate and encumber resources before the end of the State of Ohio's fiscal year.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments