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APPROVING the revised Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Connector as recommended by the streetcar’s Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer.

WHEREAS, the City is a rail transit agency subject to Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) requirements governing such transit agencies; and

WHEREAS, the FTA promulgated Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 673, which requires that rail transit agencies subject to state safety oversight must establish a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (“PTASP”); and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Part 674 requires the appropriate State Safety Oversight Agency, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) in the case of the streetcar, to ensure that each transit agency has a PTASP compliant with 49 CFR Part 673; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ohio Revised Code Section 5501.56 and 49 CFR Part 673 together require that an agency PTASP must be approved by each transit agency’s board of directors or an equivalent authority, in this case City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in her capacity as the Accountable Executive for the streetcar, and the Chief Safety Officer for the streetcar have since further revised the PTASP to ensure the streetcar’s ongoing safe operation; and

WHEREAS, the City’s revised PTASP maintains a sufficiently explicit process for safety risk management with adequate means of risk mitigation for the streetcar; includes a process and timeline for annually reviewing and updating the safety plan; includes a comprehensive training program for the operations personnel directly responsible for streetcar safety; identifies an adequately trained safety officer who reports directly to the Accountable Executive; includes adequate methods to support the execution of the PTASP by all employees, agents, and contractors for the streetcar; and sufficiently addresses other requirements provided in 49 CFR Part 673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein, is approved as the required Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (“PTASP”) for the Connector, the streetcar system located in downtown and Over-the-Rhine.

Section 2. That the City Manager and all appropriate City officials are authorized to send the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan to the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), the State Safety Oversight Agency for the streetcar, for review and approval.

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 submit the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Agency Safety Plan to the Ohio Department of Transportation within the required time frame.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk