

March 30, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202200818

**From:** John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Central Parkway Phase 2 Protected Bike Lane Extension**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source, Fund No. 858, “Street Improvement,” of the sum of \$1,790,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222358, “Central Parkway Bicycle Facility Phase 2,” for the purpose of realigning sources with uses; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,790,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund No. 858, “Street Improvement,” to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222357, “Bicycle Transportation Program.”

Councilmembers Jeffreys and Owens submitted Motion #202200116 in which the City Council moved that the administration pause work on the Central Parkway bike lane extension as a shared-use path from Marshall Avenue to Ludlow Avenue and provide a report within thirty days on the cost, design, and feasibility of continuing the Central Parkway bike lane north from its current northern terminus at Marshall Avenue with three options: (1) its current design structure as a protected bike lane; (2) a design as a protected bike lane along the entire extension with a tree and/or grass median; (3) a design as a protected bike lane with a tree and/or grass median along only portions of it. In response to the Motion, the Administration submitted report #202200400 to the City Council, dated February 16, 2022, in which the Department of Transportation of Engineering (DOTE) recommended the first option set out in the Motion.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will implement the first option recommended in the report and will authorize the return to source of \$1,790,000 from the “Central Parkway Bicycle Facility Phase 2” capital improvement program project account to a certain Street Improvement Bond Fund. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the appropriation of \$1,790,000 from the same Street Improvement Bond Fund to an existing “Bicycle Transportation Program” capital improvement program project account for the purpose of realigning sources with uses. The scope of work for the “Central Parkway Phase 2” capital project includes the design and construction of a shared-use path on the west side of Central Parkway beginning at Marshall Avenue in the south and ending at Ludlow Avenue in the north.

Returning to source \$1,790,000 from the “Central Parkway Bicycle Facility Phase 2” project would make this sum available to be appropriated to the “Bicycle Transportation Program” capital improvement program project account.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood vitality,” and strategy to “expand options for non-automotive travel,” as described on pages 129 – 134 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is to the immediate need to make resources available in the “Bicycle Transportation Program” capital improvement program project to begin construction of the protected bike lane as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

