

Date: January 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

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Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – CINCINNATI STREETCAR TITLE VI UPDATE

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING the revised Cincinnati Streetcar Title VI Program for the Connector as recommended by the Connector's Accountable Executive, Deputy Director of Streetcar Services, and the Transit Coordinator.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that recipients of federal assistance adopt and implement a Title VI Program to assure the Federal Government that the agency will carry out programs in compliance with the Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations. These regulations ensure that the level and quality of public transportation service is provided in a nondiscriminatory manner; promote full and fair participation in public transportation decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin; and ensure meaningful access to transit-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency.

The City of Cincinnati developed and implemented an initial Title VI Program when it assumed operation of the Cincinnati Streetcar (Connector) in 2020. The program was updated during 2023 to incorporate the results of the 2020 census, update service information such as hours and headways, and make minor corrections to contact information such as the change to 311. Federal regulations require that City Council, acting as the Cincinnati Streetcar's Board of Directors, approve the updated Title VI Program prior to submission to the FTA.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to submit the revised Title VI Plan for FTA review and approval.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering 