

**ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, “River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI,” for the purpose of rebuilding existing traffic signals with railroad pre-emption, making equipment improvements at grade crossings, and increasing storage capacity for vehicles exiting the Anderson Ferry onto River Road; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$6,067,200 awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program (ALN 20.325) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, “River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI”; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, “River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI.”

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2021, Council approved Ordinance No. 409-2021, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (“CRISI”) Program (ALN 20.325) to ensure the timely completion of various road and at-grade rail crossing signalization construction projects throughout Cincinnati on U.S. Route 50; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded up to \$6,067,200 under the CRISI Program for the River Road Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Transportation and Engineering intends to use these grant resources to rebuild four existing traffic signals with railroad preemption, including all associated railroad equipment along River Road at grade crossings at Barkley Avenue, Access Road, Anderson Ferry Road, and 5400 River Road; and

WHEREAS, Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate these grant resources; and

WHEREAS, the CRISI grant requires matching resources of up to \$1,516,800, which are available for this purpose in capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x232306, “Street Improvements”; and

WHEREAS, no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of these grant resources; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these resources to complete the River Road Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and strategy to “[s]upport regional and intercity transportation initiatives” as described on pages 139 - 145 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, “River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI,” is established for the purpose of rebuilding existing traffic signals with railroad pre-emption, making equipment improvements at grade crossings, and increasing storage capacity for vehicles exiting the Anderson Ferry onto River Road.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$6,067,200 awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program (ALN 20.325) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, “River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI.”

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x242347, “River Rd Crossings Safety Imprvmnts - CRISI.”

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk