

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a Resilience Improvements grant of up to \$10,200,000 from the United States Department of Transportation, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program (ALN 20.205) to provide resources to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including improving the safety of City streets by addressing numerous landslide and retaining wall failures in City neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$10,200,000 is available from the United States Department of Transportation through the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”) intends to use the grant resources to address numerous landslide and retaining wall failures in eight City neighborhoods, which may include the Riverside, South Cumminsville, East End, Sedamsville, Mt. Auburn, Linwood, South Fairmount, and Clifton Heights/University Heights/Fairview (CUF) neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, DOTE already has applied for the grant in order to meet the August 18, 2023 application deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires a twenty percent local match, and therefore the source of matching funds will need to be identified from a combination of future capital improvement program project accounts, existing grants, and partially funded Community Budget Requests prior to accepting the grant; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, utilizing this grant to address landslide and retaining wall failure is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “[p]reserve our built history” as described on pages 193-198 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$10,200,000 from the United States Department of Transportation, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program

(ALN 20.205) to provide resources for “Resilience Improvements,” which include improving the safety of City streets by addressing numerous landslide and retaining wall failures in City neighborhoods.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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