

September 5, 2023

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *sm*

202301940

**Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: PROTECT Grant Application**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**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.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Resilience Improvements grant of up to \$10,200,000 from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), 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 landslide and retaining wall failures in City neighborhoods.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”) intends to address 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.

This grant requires a twenty percent local match, which will 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. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required.

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).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment