

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a planning grant in an amount of up to \$2,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) to study placing caps over Fort Washington Way; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a capital construction grant in an amount of up to \$5,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) for the Reconnecting Evanston project.

WHEREAS, a grant is available in the amount of up to \$2,000,000 from the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to fund a planning grant to study placing caps over Fort Washington Way; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded the grant, a twenty percent local match will be required, and the source of matching funds will need to be identified prior to accepting the grant; and

WHEREAS, a grant is available in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 from the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to fund a capital construction grant for the Reconnecting Evanston project; and

WHEREAS, the Reconnecting Evanston project will retrofit three bridges over I-71 in the Evanston neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, as owner of these bridges, the Ohio Department of Transportation will be a co-applicant for the capital construction grant; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded the grant, a fifty percent local match will be required, and the source of matching funds will need to be identified prior to accepting the grant; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funding for either or both grants, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will request authorization from Council before accepting the funds and will only accept grant funds for which matching funds are available; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with the acceptance of these grants; and

WHEREAS, submission of grant applications for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 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 planning grant in an amount of up to \$2,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) to study placing caps over Fort Washington Way.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a capital construction grant in an amount of up to \$5,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) for the Reconnecting Evanston project.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grants and Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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