

Date: January 25, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202300408

Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – ODOT CHEVIOT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Cheviot in order to facilitate the completion of various pedestrian improvements at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the City of Cincinnati in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's and the City of Cheviot's roadway improvement project along the Harrison Avenue corridor.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) intends to make improvements at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the neighborhood of Westwood. The improvements will enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection, which is located in both the City of Cincinnati ("City") and the City of Cheviot. ODOT improvements are part of the ODOT project formally known as HAM-CR 457 14.97 Harrison Ave (PID No. 114697) whose improvements are predominantly inside the City of Cheviot and within Hamilton County.

The City's Department of Transportation and Engineering has reviewed and approves of the proposed project. Upon completion of the project, the City will continue its existing right-of-way maintenance responsibilities. The City of Cheviot will be responsible for maintaining certain improvements (RRFB and flexible delineators) as agreed to in a formal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and the City of Cheviot.

The City of Cheviot and the State of Ohio will provide 100% of the cost of the project except for any features requested by the City of Cincinnati which the City of Cheviot and ODOT determine to be unnecessary for the Project. At this time, no features have been identified.

Except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the project and no change in use of City streets is expected to arise from the project. Changes in the use of City streets are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring their review have been identified.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

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