

February 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202500319

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: FTA Persistent Poverty Grant for Streetcar**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept up to \$250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to \$250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, “Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate of \$27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The City Manager to accept up to \$250,000 from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program (ALN 20.505), to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to Streetcar technology, station displays, and transit management software;
2. The City Manager to appropriate up to \$250,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to General Government Grants Fund 404, effective FY 2026;
3. The Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404 revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. AOPP, “Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant”; and
4. The transfer and appropriation of \$27,778 from the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to provide local

matching resources for the FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, effective FY 2026.

On April 5, 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0108-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 from the FTA, through the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program, to provide resources for improvements and upgrades to streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software. The FTA awarded the City \$250,000 in grant resources, which requires City Council approval to accept and appropriate.

This grant requires local matching resources of up to \$27,778, which are available in the unappropriated surplus of Streetcar Operations Fund 455 and must be transferred and appropriated to Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 to be expended as required. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with this grant.

Accepting grant resources to improve and upgrade streetcar technology, station information displays, and transit management software 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).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment