

June 8, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Western Hills Viaduct INFRA and MEGA Grant Application

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount of up to \$200,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (ALN 20.934) and the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (ALN 20.937) discretionary grant programs for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$200,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) (ALN 20.934) and the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) (ALN 20.937) discretionary grant programs for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

INFRA and MEGA grant resources require matching resources of approximately 40 percent, of which at least 20 percent must be local matching resources. The local portion of this match is expected to come from Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) capital budget resources in the “Western Hills Viaduct,” “Maintenance Fund for Bridges,” and the “Bridge Rehabilitation Program,” capital project accounts.

As the application deadline was May 23, 2022, the grant application was submitted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. DOTE will not accept grant resources without City Council authorization.

Replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and the strategy to “[u]se the City’s transportation network to facilitate economic development opportunities,” as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

