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City of Cincinnati

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” and 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants Program (CFDA 20.205) through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, “Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local Grants,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

WHEREAS, the total, current estimated cost of replacing the Western Hills Viaduct is \$335,000,000, and the project is expected to take approximately thirteen years to complete, in six construction phases and four ongoing maintenance phases as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, up to \$1,000,000 in grant funds is available from the Surface Transportation Block Grants (“STBG”) Program through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”) as additional funding for construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County applied for grant resources from the STBG Program through OKI and was awarded grant resources of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the STBG Program grant requires a minimum local match of 20%, which will be split equally between the City and Hamilton County, the City’s portion of which will be identified in future capital improvement program projects; and

WHEREAS, up to \$125,000 is available in matching resources from Hamilton County to help fund construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, there is up to \$1,328,938.76 in grant resources available from the Ohio Department of Transportation, which does not require a local match, for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with the acceptance of these grant and local match resources; and

WHEREAS, the replacement or major rehabilitation of the Western Hills Viaduct is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and strategy to “plan, 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 Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” and 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants Program through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate an amount of up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing Hamilton County local match resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, “Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local

Grants,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 5 hereof.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and spend grant and local matching resources in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk