

August 2, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202102539

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Federal Highway Administration Grant for River Road Rehabilitation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222346, “River Road Rehab (PID 108937) ODOT Grant,” for the purpose of rehabilitating River Road from Anderson Ferry Road to Fairbanks Avenue (HAM-50-14.21 PID 108937); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$1,350,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (Assistance Listing Number 20.205), as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation, to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222346, “River Road Rehab (PID 108937) ODOT Grant,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for the HAM-50-14.21 PID 108937 project, which will rehabilitate River Road from Anderson Ferry Road to Fairbanks Avenue in the Riverside community; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation in order to complete the HAM-50-14.21 PID 108937 Project.

This Emergency Ordinance establishes new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222346, “River Road Rehab (PID 108937) ODOT Grant,” for the purpose of rehabilitating River Road from Anderson Ferry Road to Fairbanks Avenue. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$1,350,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x222346, “River Road Rehab (PID 108937) ODOT Grant.” This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the HAM-50-14.21 PID 108937 Project.

ODOT applied for the grant from the FHWA on behalf of the City to support the River Road Rehabilitation project. However, the City will not accept grant funds without City Council approval.

This grant requires a local match in the estimated amount of \$4,100,000, which will be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement

program project account no. 980x233x222308, “Street Rehabilitation.” This grant does not require new FTEs.

The HAM-50-14.21 PID 108937 Project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and the strategy to “plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012)

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources to meet ODOT project deadlines

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment