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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
Grant Application for Harrison Avenue Safety Improvements**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 from the Highway Safety Improvement Program Formal Safety Application process, administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation, for the purpose of providing financial assistance for the Harrison Avenue Safety Improvement Project to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes to three and implementing other various safety improvements along the corridor.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000,000 of financial assistance for the Harrison Avenue Safety Improvement Project to right-size Harrison Avenue from Queen City Avenue to Kling Avenue. The project would reduce vehicle lanes to three and implement other various safety improvements along this corridor. The grant is awarded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program Formal Safety Application process, administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

If awarded, the grant would require a local match in the amount of up to 20 percent, which may be provided by a combination of future General Capital budget allocations to the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE), Transit Infrastructure Grant (TIG) resources, and Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant resources. The grant application deadline was August 31, 2022, and DOTE has already applied for this grant to meet the deadline. However, grant resources will not be accepted without authorization from the City Council. No new FTEs are required.

The Harrison Avenue Safety Project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the 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 Ordinance.

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

Attachment

