

August 5, 2024

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202401841  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: SORTA Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756,” to provide resources for right-sizing and rehabilitation on Gilbert Avenue (PID 115756); **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053,” to provide resources for safety improvements on Harrison Avenue (PID 118053); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept grants of up to \$6,756,136 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to \$4,900,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to \$1,856,136 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources of up to \$4,900,000 into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources of up to \$1,856,136 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756,” to provide resources for right-sizing and rehabilitation on Gilbert Avenue (PID 115756);
2. the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053,” to provide resources for safety improvements on Harrison Avenue (PID 118053);
3. the City Manager to accept grants up to \$6,756,136 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (“SORTA”) Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund;

4. the City Manager to appropriate up to \$4,900,000 to capital project account no. 980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756”;
5. the City Manager to appropriate up to \$1,856,136 to capital project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053”;
6. the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources of up to \$4,900,000 into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252329, “Gilbert Avenue Transit Grant PID 115756”;
7. the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources of up to \$1,856,136 into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252350, “Harrison Avenue Transit Grant PID 118053”; and
8. the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On May 24, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0172-2023, authorizing the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the SORTA Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund to ensure the timely completion of various road, bridge, wall, and pedestrian safety construction projects throughout the City. The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) provided a potential project list as an attachment to Ordinance No. 0172-2023, including the Gilbert Avenue Improvements and Harrison Avenue Safety Improvements projects.

Anticipated sources of local matching funds, which would come from future capital improvement program project accounts, are identified for both projects in Attachment A. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these grant resources.

The implementation of various public infrastructure improvements is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachments