

December 1, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager **202103134**

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: ODOT Ohio Transit Partnership (OTP) Program Grants for Streetcar**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222360, “Streetcar Asset & Inventory Management System Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the acquisition of a software system designed to modernize streetcar inventory management and upgrade streetcar technology while meeting safety requirements, enhancing management efficiency, and training system users; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222361, “Streetcar Parking Lot Expansion MOF Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for parking lot expansion at the streetcar maintenance and operations facility; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept three grants in the following amounts from the Ohio Department of Transportation Ohio Transit Partnership program: 1) an amount up to \$300,000 for the transit asset and inventory management system; 2) an amount up to \$487,000 for parking lot expansion at the streetcar maintenance and operations facility; and 3) an amount up to \$1,000,000 for the Streetcar Preventative Maintenance Grant for the purpose of providing streetcar preventative maintenance support; **AUTHORIZING** the deposit and appropriation of a grant in the amount of up to \$300,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222360, “Streetcar Asset & Inventory Management System Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of a grant in the amount of up to \$487,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222361, “Streetcar Parking Lot Expansion MOF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of a grant in the amount of up to \$150,000 to streetcar personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7100 and in the amount of up to \$850,000 to streetcar non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing streetcar preventative maintenance support.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance does the following:

1. Establishes new capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222360, “Streetcar Asset & Inventory Management System Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the acquisition of a software system

designed to modernize streetcar inventory management and upgrade streetcar technology while meeting safety requirements and enhancing management efficiency as well as training system users.

2. Establishes new capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222361, "Streetcar Parking Lot Expansion MOF Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for facility improvements and parking lot expansion at the streetcar maintenance and operations facility.
3. Authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$300,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222360, "Streetcar Asset & Inventory Management System Grant."
4. Authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$487,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x236x222361, "Streetcar Parking Lot Expansion MOF Grant."
5. Authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$1,000,000, which includes up to \$150,000 to the Department of Transportation and Engineering Streetcar Operations Fund personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7100 and up to \$850,000 to Department of Transportation and Engineering Streetcar Operations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200 for the purpose of providing streetcar preventative maintenance support.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) already applied for the three ODOT grants and was notified of the awards on August 5, 2021. However, grant resources will not be accepted prior to City Council authorization.

The two capital improvement grants do not require a local match, and there are no new FTEs required for any of the grants. The preventative maintenance grant requires a local match of \$250,000, which will be provided from streetcar non-personnel operating budget account no. 455x236x7200.

Utilizing Ohio Transit Partnership Program resources to support the streetcar is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability," as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources and begin projects within the State of Ohio's FY 2022 budget cycle.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

