

Date: May 12, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202101687  
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager  
Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE –LIMITED WARRANTY DEEDS AND A GRANT OF  
EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF ODOT (BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE)

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Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute *Limited Warranty Deeds* and a *Grant of Easement* in favor of the State of Ohio for the use and benefit of the Ohio Department of Transportation to convey fee simple interests in and to, and a perpetual subsurface easement in, under, and through, real property located adjacent to Interstate 75 in the Central Business District and West End neighborhoods of Cincinnati in connection with transportation improvement project HAM 75-00.22.

The City owns certain real property adjacent to Interstate 75 (“Property”) in the Central Business District and West End neighborhoods of Cincinnati. The Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) is undertaking a transportation improvement project that will result in the reconstruction of the Brent Spence Bridge and the widening of Interstate 75, and it desires to acquire certain rights, title, or interests in and to the Property in connection with the project.

The City has determined that the Property is not needed for a municipal purpose, and that the City’s disposition of the Property to ODOT will not be detrimental to the interests of the general public.

The fair market value of the easements is approximately \$417,846, which ODOT has agreed to pay.

The City Planning Commission approved the easements at its meeting on January 15, 2021.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to convey the Property to ODOT without delay to avoid any unnecessary delays to the Project.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

Attachment I – Limited Warranty Deeds and Grant of Easement  
Attachment II – Right of Way Legend Sheet HAM – 75 – 00.22

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering