

October 6, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *WW*

202102888

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant

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, as awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation, for the purpose of providing resources for the Ludlow Avenue Safety Improvement project, which includes right-sizing Ludlow Avenue from Central Parkway to Whitfield Avenue, reducing vehicle lanes to add on-street bicycle facilities, reconfiguring intersections, and various other pedestrian safety improvements.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 from the Highway Safety Improvement Program, as awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), for the purpose of providing resources for the Ludlow Avenue Safety Improvement project. This project includes right-sizing Ludlow Avenue from Central Parkway to Whitfield Avenue, reducing vehicle lanes to add on-street bicycle facilities, reconfiguring intersections, and various other pedestrian safety improvements.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program grant may require matching resources. If matching resources are needed, they will be provided from future Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) capital programs, Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG), or an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant. No new FTEs are required.

DOTE applied for the grant by the application deadline of September 30, 2021. However, grant resources will not be accepted prior to City Council authorization.

The Ludlow Avenue Safety Improvement project 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



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