

June 8, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Surface Transportation Block Grant for Victory Parkway and Eden Park

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222359, “Victory Pkwy – Eden Park Safety Improvements,” for the purpose of improving pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Victory Parkway Corridor between Martin Drive and McMillan Avenue, improving the condition and safety of the Park Avenue Bridge over Kemper Lane, and installing a sidewalk along the west side of Eden Park Drive from St. Paul Drive to Krohn Conservatory; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (ALN 20.205) in an amount up to \$6,000,000, awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, to new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222359, “Victory Pkwy – Eden Park Safety Improvements”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222359, “Victory Pkwy – Eden Park Safety Improvements,” for the purpose of improving pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Victory Parkway Corridor between Martin Drive and McMillan Avenue, improving the condition and safety of the Park Avenue Bridge over Kemper Lane, and installing a sidewalk along the west side of Eden Park Drive from St. Paul Drive to Krohn Conservatory; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Ordinance will establish new capital project account no. 980x232x222359, “Victory Pkwy – Eden Park Safety Improvements,” for the purpose of improving pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Victory Parkway Corridor between Martin Drive and McMillan Avenue, improving the condition and safety of the Park Avenue Bridge over Kemper Lane, and installing a sidewalk along the west side of Eden Park Drive from St. Paul Drive to Krohn Conservatory. This Ordinance will also authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate a federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) (ALN 20.205) in an amount up to \$6,000,000, awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, to new capital project account no. 980x232x222359, “Victory Pkwy – Eden Park Safety Improvements” and authorize the Finance Director to deposit grant resources into this capital project account. Finally, approval of this Ordinance will authorize the

City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On June 3, 2021, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0205-2021, which authorized the City Manager to apply for up to \$6,000,000 from the federal STBG, awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, for the purpose of completing several transportation projects managed by the City's Department of Transportation & Engineering. City Council authorization is now required to accept and appropriate the grant award.

The STBG resources require local matching resources of up to 34%, which will be covered by a combination of capital improvement program project accounts, future Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding, and other available resources. No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

The rehabilitation and improvement of the City's transportation infrastructure 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," 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



Attachment