

May 17, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SM*

202301432

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Apply for SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund (Round 3) Grants

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund to ensure the timely completion of various road, bridge, wall, and pedestrian safety construction projects throughout the City.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road, bridge, wall, and pedestrian safety construction projects throughout the City.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) intends to apply for grants awarded by the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 capital improvement program projects, to ensure the timely completion of various public infrastructure projects identified as high priorities. DOTE identified a list of potential projects for grant funding, which is attached. However, the list is subject to change, and DOTE may apply for resources to support projects not included in the attachment. Anticipated sources of local match funds would come from existing and future capital improvement program projects. No new FTEs are required.

The implementation of various public infrastructure projects 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 reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the Department of Transportation and Engineering to receive Council authorization to apply for the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund grants by May 31, 2023.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

