

EMERGENCY

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- 2024

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252339, “Westwood Northern Blvd Corridor Grant,” for a comprehensive transportation project on the Westwood Northern Boulevard corridor from Beekman Street to Boudinot Avenue, which includes planning, engineering, design, and public engagement; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,275,000 from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program (ALN 20.933) awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252339, “Westwood Northern Blvd Corridor Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252339, “Westwood Northern Blvd Corridor Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the administration of these grant resources.

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2023, Council passed Ordinance No. 48-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) grant of up to \$5,000,000 (ALN 20.933) awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation to conduct a study and create the preliminary design for a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing pedestrian connections and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded up to \$2,275,000 from the RAISE grant program for the Westwood Northern Boulevard Corridor project; and

WHEREAS, accepting the RAISE grant does not require matching resources; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, this grant project to conduct a comprehensive transportation project and preliminary design is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252339, “Westwood Northern Blvd Corridor Grant,” for a comprehensive transportation project on the Westwood Northern Boulevard corridor

from Beekman Street to Boudinot Avenue, which includes planning, engineering, design, and public engagement.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,275,000 from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program (ALN 20.933) awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252339, “Westwood Northern Blvd Corridor Grant.”

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252339, “Westwood Northern Blvd Corridor Grant.”

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreement necessary for the receipt and administration of the grant resources.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources and meet established deadlines.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk