

April 16, 2025

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: NACTO Scholarship Donation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$4,000 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials (“NACTO”) for one Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”) employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2025 Conference on May 28 – 31, 2025 in Washington, D.C. (the “Conference”); and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$4,000 from the Devou Good Project, Inc. for one additional DOTE employee to attend the Conference.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$4,000 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials (NACTO), for one Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2025 Conference on May 28 – 31, 2025 in Washington, D.C. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$4,000 from the Devou Good Project, Inc. for one additional DOTE employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2025 Conference.

Two DOTE employees have an opportunity to attend the Designing Cities 2025 Conference in Washington, D.C. The conference convenes 1,000 officials, planners, and practitioners to advance the state of transportation in cities across North America, with values centered around safety, climate, equity, sustainable growth, and regional collaboration. Attending this conference is directly related to the official duties of the two employees in the Department of Transportation and Engineering. The scholarship donations will cover the employees’ airfare, lodging, and conference attendance cost.

The donation does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the donation.

Acceptance of the scholarship donations is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods,” as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 156, 160-162 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the scholarship donations prior to the Conference registration deadline of April 30, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment