

October 5, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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

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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a planning grant in an amount of up to \$2,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) to study placing caps over Fort Washington Way; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a capital construction grant in an amount of up to \$5,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) for the Reconnecting Evanston project.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a planning grant of up to \$2,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) to study placing caps over Fort Washington Way. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to apply for a capital construction grant of up to \$5,000,000 awarded by the USDOT through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (ALN 20.940) for the Reconnecting Evanston project.

If the City is awarded the planning grant to study placing caps over Fort Washington Way, then a 20 percent local match will be required. If the City is awarded the capital construction grant for the Reconnecting Evanston project, which will retrofit three bridges over I-71 in the Evanston neighborhood, then a 50 percent local match will be required. As owner of the bridges, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be a co-applicant for the capital construction grant. The source of matching funds will be identified prior to accepting grant resources. No new FTEs are associated with these grants.

Submission of grant applications for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment