

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount of up to \$200,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the 2022 Bridge Investment Program (ALN 20.205) to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

WHEREAS, the total current estimated cost of replacing the Western Hills Viaduct is \$398,000,000, including costs for design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, removal, and demolition of the existing viaduct after a new viaduct is complete and operational; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct and the demolition of the existing viaduct is expected to take approximately ten years to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge Investment Program (“BIP”) grant may be used for up to 50 percent of eligible project costs, and requires a 50 percent match, of which a minimum of 20 percent must be local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, local matching sources are expected to come from various sources including future allocations of resources in the “Western Hills Viaduct,” “Maintenance Fund for Bridges,” and the “Bridge Rehabilitation Program” capital improvement program project accounts; and

WHEREAS, the application for the BIP grant resources may be submitted prior to the effective date of this ordinance to meet the application deadline of August 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funding, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will require authorization from Council in order to accept the funds and will only accept a grant amount for which matching funds are available; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with the acceptance of these grants; and

WHEREAS, the Western Hills Viaduct replacement project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and the strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for grant resources in an amount of up to \$200,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the

2022 Bridge Investment Program (ALN 20.205) to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grant and Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk