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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

-2021

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**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs in an amount of up to \$6,000,000, and to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments in an amount of up to \$750,000, all for the timely completion of several transportation projects managed by the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation & Engineering (“DOTE”) is considering several potential projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (“STBG”) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (“CMAQ”) funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Victory Parkway/Park Avenue Safety Improvement, including intersection improvements, bridge reconstruction, pedestrian improvements, and maintenance of existing street lighting;
- Linn Street Safety Improvement, including reducing vehicular lanes, installing a bike facility, and pedestrian improvements;
- Ludlow Avenue Safety Improvement, including reducing vehicular lanes, installing a bike facility, and pedestrian improvements;
- Oasis Bike Trail, a 4.5-mile bike path running from the Sawyer Point boathouse to Carrel Street in the City’s East End; and

WHEREAS, DOTE is also considering the following projects for Transportation Alternatives (“TA”) grant funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Dutch Colony Drive, including installing a missing sidewalk;
- Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Side Path Connection, including completing the connection from Wasson Way to Eden Avenue;
- Airport Road – Eastern Avenue to Wilmer Avenue, including sidewalk installation and potential removal of existing on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the STBG, CMAQ, and TA grant applications are due on June 4, 2021, and no funds will be accepted without approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, the grants require a 20% local match, which will be identified in future capital project funding if awarded; and

WHEREAS, no new FTEs are required in association with these grants; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and improvement of the City’s transportation infrastructure is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation

system that supports neighborhood vitality” 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 City Manager is authorized to apply for grants from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs in an amount of up to \$6,000,000, and to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments in an amount of up to \$750,000, all for the timely completion of several transportation projects managed by the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of Section 1 herein.

Section 3. 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 authorize the City Manager to apply for the grants, as the application deadline is June 4, 2021.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

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