

October 18, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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

202302203

Subject: **Ordinance – DOTE: Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) Grant Application**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources of up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Transit Partnership Program, awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation, to provide resources for preventative maintenance and operating assistance for the streetcar system.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources of up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2), awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), to provide resources for preventative maintenance and operating assistance for the streetcar system.

The City already applied for OTP2 grant resources to meet the application deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

This grant does not require local matching resources. However, the City applied for the OTP2 grant with a 20% percent local match offer, totaling up to \$400,000, to improve the City’s competitive advantage. If awarded, matching resources may come from existing and future capital improvement program project accounts. No new FTEs/full-time equivalents are associated with this grant.

The OTP2 grant application 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 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

