

March 5, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Quarterly ODOT Grants for Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants of up to \$3,000,000 on a quarterly basis from the Ohio Department of Transportation for pedestrian and bicycle related projects that make walking and biking throughout the City a safe, convenient, and accessible transportation option for all Ohioans.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for quarterly grants of up to \$3,000,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) for pedestrian and bicycle related projects that make walking and biking throughout the City a safe, convenient, and accessible transportation option for all Ohioans.

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Special Solicitation program will accept quarterly applications for various pedestrian and bicycle related projects, with priority given to those ready for construction before July 2026. Quarterly applications will be accepted until funding is exhausted. The City intends to pursue funding for multiple projects, but no funding will be accepted without authorization from the City Council.

There are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these grants. Grants associated with plans and studies, data collection, and education and promotion projects do not require a local match. Grants for infrastructure related projects will require up to a twenty percent local match, which may be provided from existing capital improvement program project accounts and will be identified before accepting any grant award.

Applying for pedestrian and bicycle grants aligns with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the 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



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