

March 23, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager



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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: RAISE Grant Application

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$25,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of city streets and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian connections and safety.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) in the amount of up to \$25,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of city streets and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian connections and safety.

The RAISE grant award ranges from a minimum of \$5,000,000 to a maximum of \$25,000,000. The Department of Transportation and Engineering intends to apply for the maximum grant award amount to conduct a Complete Streets project, State to Central: Building Better Neighborhoods. This project will include right-sizing Linn Street from Central Parkway to West 8th Street and West 8th Street from Linn Street to downtown, creating and improving bicycle connections on West 8th Street from Linn Street to downtown, installing streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements along State Avenue, and other projects suitable to fulfill the grant purpose.

If the City is awarded the grant, a 20 percent local match will be required and will need to be identified prior to accepting the award. This grant does not require new FTEs.

This grant project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[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

