

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of construction activities for Interstate 75 from Linn Street to Findlay Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has identified the need to perform construction activities as part of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project including the reconstruction and widening of Interstate 75 north of the Linn Street overpass to the northern limits of the bridge over Findlay Street; the replacement of the Linn Street overpass with Interstate 75 and reconstruction of Gest Street from Freeman Avenue to U.S. Route 50; the elimination of the roadway connection from Gest Street to Linn Street; the replacement of pedestrian access from Gest Street to Linn Street; the replacement of the Ezzard Charles Drive bridge over Interstate 75; the reconstruction of portions of Western Avenue and the West Court Street cul-de-sac; and the construction of new Interstate 75 ramps to and from Freeman Avenue, Western Avenue, and Ninth Street (PID No. 113361) (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the Project, and no change in the use of City streets is expected to arise from the Project; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio shall provide one hundred percent of the eligible cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has requested that all necessary rights-of-way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approved the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the extent of City streets and changes in their use are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring the commission’s review have been identified at this stage of the Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Project, ODOT and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities for the right-of-way in the Project area, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati consents to and shall cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), on behalf of the State of Ohio, to facilitate the performance of construction activities as part of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project including the reconstruction and widening of Interstate 75 north of the Linn Street overpass to the northern limits of the bridge over Findlay Street; the replacement of the Linn Street overpass with Interstate 75 and reconstruction of Gest Street from Freeman Avenue to U.S. Route 50; the elimination of the roadway connection from Gest Street to Linn Street; the replacement of pedestrian access from Gest Street to Linn Street; the replacement of the Ezzard Charles Drive bridge over Interstate 75; the reconstruction of portions of Western Avenue and the West Court Street cul-de-sac; and the construction of new Interstate 75 ramps to and from Freeman Avenue, Western Avenue, and Ninth Street (PID No. 113361) (the “Project”).

Section 2. That the State of Ohio will assume and bear one hundred percent of the cost of the improvements proposed as part of the Project.

Section 3. That the City shall bear one hundred percent of the cost of those features, if any, requested by the City that ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration determine to be unnecessary for the Project; as of the date of this ordinance, no such features have been identified.

Section 4. That the City agrees to make available to ODOT all City rights-of-way required for the Project, including utility relocation, in accordance with current state and federal regulations and subject to any additional City approvals required for the encumbrance or acquisition of City property or change in use of City streets. The City acknowledges that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement in connection with the Project will comply with the current provisions of 23 C.F.R. 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

Section 5. That, from time to time, change orders and extra-work contracts may be required to fulfill the Project, and ODOT shall provide written notice to the City, which shall process such as needed and contribute the City's share of the costs of those items; as of the date of this ordinance, no such costs have been identified.

Section 6. That, to the extent applicable and unless otherwise agreed, the City upon completion of the Project shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, 23 U.S.C. Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for any City maintenance responsibilities in connection with the Project; (3) to the extent required by state and federal law, maintain the right-of-way and keep it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and process any change orders or extra-work orders connected thereto with the Director of ODOT, or ODOT-prequalified consultants, as necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 8. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, upon the request of ODOT, necessary to allow ODOT to recover damages or exercise its rights and remedies under any contracts arising from any errors or omissions of any contractors or consultants.

Section 9. That the City Manager and the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to facilitate the Project.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk