

Date: September 29, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202102854**

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: ORDINANCE – RESURFACING OF INTERSTATE 75 AND SIXTH STREET EXPRESSWAY

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

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 resurfacing of certain rights-of-way that include the portion of Interstate 75 located between the Brent Spence Bridge and the Western Hills Viaduct and the Sixth Street Expressway Ramps to Interstate 75 in the City of Cincinnati.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has identified the need to resurface portions of certain rights-of-way that include the portion of Interstate 75 (“I-75”) located between the Brent Spence Bridge and the Western Hills Viaduct and the Sixth Street Expressway Ramps to I-75 (PID No. 94238) (the “Project”).

The City is the public entity bearing responsibility to maintain the Sixth Street Expressway Ramps to I-75; however ODOT has agreed to resurface the Sixth Street Expressway Ramps in connection with the Project.

ODOT will be the public agency leading and managing the Project, and the City will serve as the Local Public Agency (“LPA”).

The role of the City as LPA and its obligations related thereto must be authorized and defined by ordinance.

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.

The State of Ohio will provide 100% of the eligible cost of the Project, with the City responsible for only the costs for future maintenance of the Sixth Street Expressway Ramps.

ODOT has requested that all necessary right-of-way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations, and that the City give its consent to the completion of the Project.

The City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed the proposed project.

Any changes to the street layout or right-of-way are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no such changes have been identified at this stage of the Project.

Upon completion of the Project, ODOT and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities of the right-of-way in the Project area for public highway purposes, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering