


January 8, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202500006

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant for Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252347, “Ped Safety ODOT FY25 Grant PID 119754,” to implement pedestrian safety at six locations throughout the City (the “PID 119754 projects”); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) of up to \$981,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252347, “Ped Safety ODOT FY25 Grant PID 119754”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252347, “Ped Safety ODOT FY25 Grant PID 119754”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to complete the PID 119754 projects; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the pedestrian safety PID 119754 projects.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x252347, “Ped Safety ODOT FY25 Grant PID 119754,” to implement pedestrian safety at six locations throughout the City (the “PID 119754 projects”);
2. the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”) Systemic Safety grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) of up to \$981,000 to the newly established capital improvement program project account;
3. the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account;
4. the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to complete the pedestrian safety PID 119754 projects; and
5. the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the pedestrian safety PID 119754 projects.

DOTE already submitted six applications for grant resources, and pursuant to ODOT’s request, all applications were submitted under a single Local Public Agency agreement resulting in a total grant award of up to \$981,000. No funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of HSIP grant resources requires a ten percent local match, which will be provided from existing capital improvement program project accounts for “Pedestrian Safety Improvements” and “Street Improvements,” as well as Transportation Infrastructure Fund grants. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Implementing pedestrian safety measures 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 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources and meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment