

# RAISE Grant Update

Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

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## RAISE Grant Overview

- **RAISE = Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity**
- **From the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("Bipartisan Infrastructure Law")**
- **RAISE Grants are for capital investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact**
- **Seeks to fund projects that address environmental justice, racial equity, and barriers to opportunities, including automobile dependence**



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# RAISE GRANTS

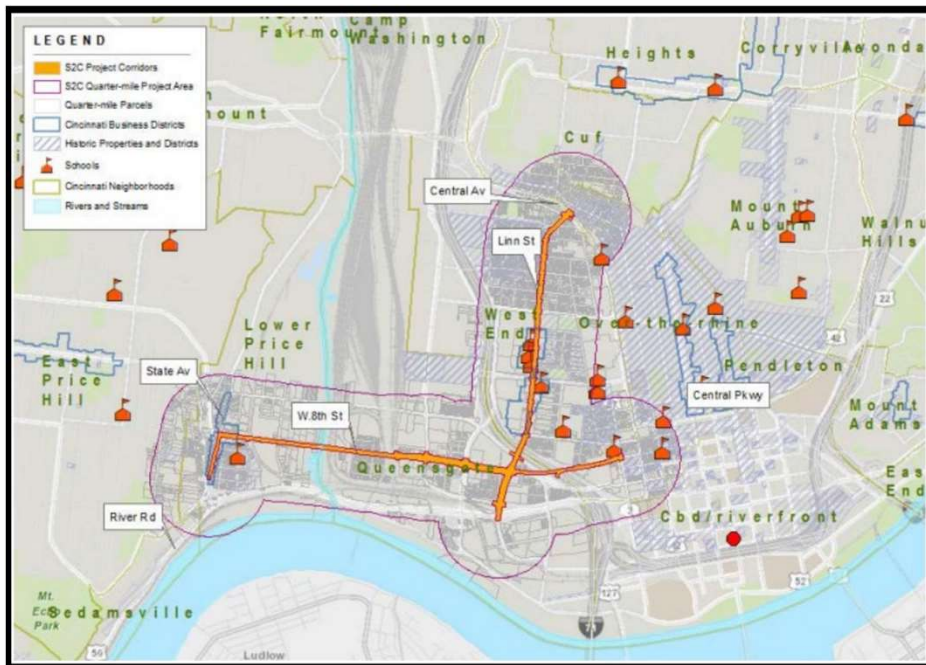
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with Sustainability and Equity

## RAISE Grant Selection Criteria

Used to evaluate and award applications:

- Safety
- Environmental Sustainability
- Quality of Life
- Improves Mobility and Community Connectivity
- Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity
- State of Good Repair
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Innovation

# Project Location



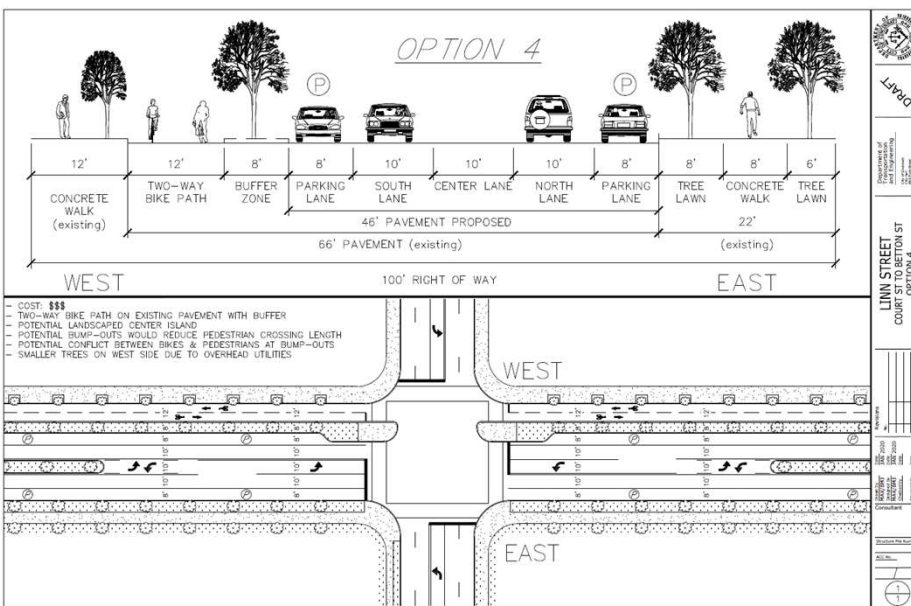
## Why State to Central: Building Better Neighborhoods?

- Safety improvement opportunities were already being considered by DOTE. Data shows Linn Street is one of the top pedestrian crash corridors in the City
- Sustainability can be achieved by reducing vehicular lanes, improving bicycle mobility and increasing tree canopy
- Quality of life can be enhanced in the West End, Queensgate, and Lower Price Hill neighborhoods and NBD's helping to support economic opportunities
- Mobility is improved with bicycle facilities that make connections and increase access
- Collaboration and active coordination already existed between DOTE and community representatives from the West End and Lower Price Hill
- Innovation with new materials installed

# Project Benefits

## Enhanced intersections, new bicycle facilities and pedestrian amenities

- Over three miles of protected bicycle infrastructure
- Reduction of number of vehicular travel lanes
- Reducing vehicular travel speeds
- Various pedestrian safety improvements
- Increased tree canopy
- Innovation of materials such as carbon absorbing pavement and tree soil cells to improve root growth
- Complete Streets elements such as wider sidewalks, curb bump-outs, improved lighting and street trees



# Funding and Next Steps

## Funding

Federal Award Amount:

- \$20,000,000

City Match Amount:

- \$6,250,000

## Next Steps

- DOTE will attend a FHWA webinar scheduled for mid-September on grant implementation.
- Kick-off meeting with ODOT and FHWA will be scheduled after the webinar.
- DOTE anticipates construction to begin in 2026.

## Other Grants

### Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Details the Criteria used to evaluate

Current examples of grant opportunities that DOTE is evaluating:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
  - Projects that support National Roadway Safety Strategy and the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways
  - A comprehensive safety Action Plan that meets the federal criteria is required
  - DOTE is seeking funding for an Action Plan grant
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
  - Dedicated to reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure
  - DOTE is still evaluating this program criteria
- Grants with future funding cycles are evaluated and projects that meet criteria are possible opportunities

# Questions?