

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources of up to \$1,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program Grant (ALN 20.500) to provide resources to study the planned Reading Road Bus Rapid Transit Corridor from Downtown to the Roselawn neighborhood and provide recommendations for transit-oriented development, including strategies to retain and create affordable housing, encourage multimodal connectivity, and support local and minority businesses.

WHEREAS, grant funds of up to \$1,000,000 are available from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program Grant (ALN 20.500) to provide resources to study the planned Reading Road Bus Rapid Transit Corridor from Downtown to the Roselawn neighborhood and provide recommendations for transit-oriented development, including strategies to retain and create affordable housing, encourage multimodal connectivity, and support local and minority businesses; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was August 2, 2024, and the City already has applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, seeking financial assistance to study and provide transit-oriented development is in accordance with the “Compete” goal to “[c]ultivate our position as the most vibrant and economically healthiest part of our region” as well as the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” as described on pages 114 and 139 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program Grant (ALN 20.500) to provide resources to study the planned Reading Road Bus Rapid Transit Corridor from Downtown to the Roselawn neighborhood and provide recommendations for transit-oriented development, including strategies to retain and create affordable housing, encourage multimodal connectivity, and support local and minority businesses.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk