

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a study and creating a preliminary design for a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing pedestrian connections and safety.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTe”) has an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the United States Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) program for the purpose of investing in road, rail, transit, and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE grant award amount ranges from a minimum of \$5,000,000 to a maximum of \$25,000,000 per grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has multiple priorities to improve street safety for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, DOTe intends to apply for a grant of \$5,000,000 to conduct a study and create a preliminary design for a Complete Streets project that will include Complete Streets concepts to determine the feasibility of right-sizing the corridor along Westwood Northern Boulevard between Beekman Avenue and the western corporation line near Boudinot Avenue, eliminating gaps in the sidewalk network, addressing crash locations, and determining which Complete Streets concepts can be implemented in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, DOTe intends to apply for the grant by the February 28, 2023 deadline, which may be prior to Council approval of this ordinance; however, no grant resources will be accepted without Council authorization; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded the grant, a twenty percent local match of \$1,250,000 will be required from the estimated cost of \$6,250,000 for the study and preliminary design, and therefore the source of matching funds will need to be identified prior to accepting the grant; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTE requirements associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, this grant project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and

sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 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 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant awarded by the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 for the purpose of conducting a study and creating a preliminary design for a Complete Streets project, which includes improving the safety of City streets and enhancing pedestrian connections and safety.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of Section 1 herein.

Section 3. 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