

EMERGENCY

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- 2023

AUTHORIZING the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x232324, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 Grant,” 980x233x232325, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 HC Match,” 980x233x232326, “WHV – OKI STBG 2019 Grant,” and 980x233x232327, “WHV – OKI STBG 2019 HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate grant and matching resources in an amount up to \$12,375,000 according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation.

WHEREAS, the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Western Hills Viaduct (the “Project”) is currently expected to cost \$398,000,000 and take approximately eight years to complete, with six construction phases and four ongoing maintenance phases being implemented as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, Council approved Ordinance No. 186-2020, which authorized the City Manager to accept grant and matching resources (collectively, the “Funds”) in an amount up to \$23,026,315.79 and which appropriated the sum of \$10,651,315.79 in Funds to the Project; and

WHEREAS, Funds that were not yet available were not appropriated by Ordinance No. 186-2020, including a Surface Transportation Block Grant (“STBG”) awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”) and a Local Bridge Program grant awarded by the County Engineers Association of Ohio (“CEAO”); and

WHEREAS, Funds totaling up to \$12,375,000 from the STBG awarded by OKI and the Local Bridge Program grant awarded by CEAO are now available and must be appropriated to capital improvement program project accounts for the purpose of providing resources for the Project; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with acceptance of these newly available Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish the following capital improvement program project accounts: nos. 980x233x232324, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 Grant”; 980x233x232325, “WHV – CEAO LBR 2018 HC Match”; 980x233x232326, “WHV – OKI STBG 2019 Grant”; and 980x233x232327, “OKI STBG 2019 HC Match,” to provide resources for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to appropriate grant and matching resources in an amount up to \$12,375,000 according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grants and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to appropriate and encumber resources before the end of the State of Ohio’s fiscal year.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk