

September 30, 2020

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager *SM for PM* 202001685

**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – Acceptance of CARES Act Federal Transit Administration Grant for the Cincinnati Bell Connector

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act grant (CFDA No. 20.507) from the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, in an amount up to \$566,610 for the purpose of providing funding for the Cincinnati Bell Connector operating budget; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds in Fund 455, "Streetcar Operations."

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept up to \$566,610 in CARES Act funds via a grant from the Federal Transit Administration to provide funding for the FY 2021 Cincinnati Bell Connector operating budget. Ordinance No. 0147-2020 authorized the City Administration to apply for the federal assistance, and the grant award is now available. These funds were anticipated and included in the FY 2021 Cincinnati Bell Connector operating budget as approved by the City Council. The Finance Director is authorized to deposit the funds into Streetcar Operations Fund 455. There is no local match and no additional FTE are associated with the grant.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to take the actions necessary to secure grant funds available to support Cincinnati Bell Connector operations for FY21.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachments