

Date: February 3, 2021

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR SIDEWALK  
CONSTRUCTION ON READING ROAD

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Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation in order to facilitate the installation of sidewalks and access ramps, which will be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, on the western side of Reading Road (U.S. Route 42), in the Roselawn neighborhood, between Sunnybrook Drive and the corporation line with Sycamore Township, including any installations necessary to connect the sidewalk to the eastern side of Reading Road (U.S. Route 42) in the City of Reading.

The City is the owner of certain public right-of-way on the western side of Reading Road (U.S. Route 42), in Roselawn, between Sunnybrook Drive and the corporation line with Sycamore Township, at which the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) intends to install new sidewalk and access ramps that will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (PID No. 111482) (the “Project”).

No City right-of-way is required for the Project other than temporary access to City parcels and there is no change in use to City streets arising from the Project.

The State of Ohio will provide 100% of the eligible cost of the work.

The State of Ohio has requested that all necessary right-of-way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations.

The City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approved the proposed project.

Any changes to the street layout or right-of-way are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no such changes have been identified at this stage of the Project.

The City will continue its existing maintenance responsibilities of the right-of-way upon completion of the Project.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to expedite the highway project and promote safety along Reading Road (U.S. Route 42) within the City of Cincinnati at the earliest possible date.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering