

May 26, 2021

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

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

202102015

**Subject: Ordinance – Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 35 Grants**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** three new capital improvement program project accounts: no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) grant resources for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue, no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues, and no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,706,540 from OPWC Funding Round 35 to provide resources in an amount up to \$1,700,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” in an amount up to \$1,680,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” and in an amount up to \$326,540 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purposes described herein; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

This Ordinance establishes three new capital project accounts: 1) no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) grant resources for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue; 2) no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues; and 3) no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,706,540 from OPWC Funding Round 35 to provide resources in an amount up to \$1,700,000 for the “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant”; in an amount up to \$1,680,000 for the “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant”; and in an amount up to \$326,540 for the “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant”. Finally, this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On September 25, 2020, Council approved Ordinance No. 0344-2020, which authorized the City Manager to apply for these grant resources awarded to the City by the OPWC.

The OPWC grant for the Auburn Avenue Improvements Phase 2 project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$3,300,000, which will come from existing Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) grant resources available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x202396, "Auburn Avenue Improvement Grants Phase 2," and existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212398, "Auburn Avenue Improvements." The OPWC grant for the Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$720,000, which will come from various existing capital improvement program project accounts. The OPWC grant for the River Road & Thornton Avenue Safety project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$923,460, which will come from existing OKI grant resources.

No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

The capital improvements enabled by this ordinance are in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality" and the strategy to "use the City's transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities," as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager  
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Attachment

