**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) intends to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund by June 30, 2021, for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects, in order to ensure the timely completion of projects DOTE identifies as high priorities; and

WHEREAS, DOTE has identified the attached list of potential projects as high priorities for which it intends to apply for assistance, although the list is subject to change and DOTE may apply for resources for projects not included in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, depending on the terms of the grant award for each project, local match funds would be required for acceptance; and

WHEREAS, anticipated sources of local match funds, which would come from existing and future capital improvement program project accounts, are identified for each of the projects in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded any grants under the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund, DOTE will request authorization from the City Council in order to accept and appropriate such resources; and

WHEREAS, no additional FTEs are associated with these applications for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of these potential projects is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" 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 hereby authorized to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund to ensure the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

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

Section 3. 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 for the Department of Transportation and Engineering to apply for grants awarded by the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund by June 30, 2021, for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects.

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		John Cranley, Mayor
Attest:	Clerk	