



Project Information

Application ID

2025_D08_05

Date Submitted

5/30/2025

Project Name

Hamilton Western Hills Viaduct

ODOT District

District 8

County

Hamilton

ODOT PID

105349

Project Mode

Roadway/Freight

Current TRAC Tier

Tier I

Requested TRAC Tier

Tier I

Project Description

The project involves replacing a structurally deficient bridge with a new structure immediately south of the existing viaduct. The new facility will accomplish several objectives including: 1) Improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility; 2) Improve truck and mass transit traffic maneuverability; 3) Connect to I-75 upon completion of a new interchange; 4) Provide a reasonable maintenance of traffic; and 5) Permit construction over an active railroad yard.



Project Sponsor Information

Project Name

Hamilton Western Hills Viaduct

Sponsoring Agency

City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering

Project Contact

Brian Rhodes

Phone

(513) 352-3419

Email

brian.rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov

Address

801 Plum Street Room 450

City

Cincinnati

State

Ohio

Zip Code

45202

Type of Application

Existing Project (Tier I, II or III)



Project Schedule

New projects are required to supply project milestone information. Please select the status of each milestone below as either Not Started, In Progress or Completed. Additionally please enter the corresponding date for the milestone and status.

	Status	Date
Planning Studies	Complete	9/30/2017
Interchange Modification Study (IMS) / Interchange Justification Studies (IJS)	Complete	5/9/2012
Preliminary Engineering Studies		
Environmental / NEPA Approval	Complete	3/27/2018
Detailed Design	In Progress	6/12/2026
Right-of-Way Acquisition	In Progress	12/31/2025
Utility Relocation	In Progress	7/31/2027



Transportation Information

In an effort to understand the complex issues associated with the project TRAC collects a variety of transportation related data and information in the evaluation process including: congestion data, safety data, truck traffic, and model derived transportation values; such as, cost/benefit analysis and air quality. The roadway segments associated with the application is the basis of this analysis. Transit and Freight related projects should identify the roadway segments that will receive the benefit from projects implementation.

New project applications must identify the **primary roadway segment** that will be improved by the project and ancillary roadways that will be improved as part of the project.

	ODOT NLFID	Begin Point	End Point
Primary Roadway Segment	CHAMCR00457**C	19.650	19.840
Secondary Roadway Segments	CHAMCR00457A*C	0.000	0.520
	CHAMCR00457**C	20.240	20.420
	MHAMMR08516**C	0.000	0.090

New Roadways / New Alignment

Begin Latitude

Begin Longitude

End Latitude

End Longitude



Transit Multi-Modal Project Information

Transit Type

Route/Number

Peak Hour Ridership

Existing Capacity

Added Peak Hour Capacity

Peak Hour Ridership/Capacity Ratio

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction

Freight Multi-Modal Project Information

Freight Type

Route/Number

Existing Freight Volume

Existing Freight Capacity

Existing Freight Volume /
Existing Freight Capacity Ratio

Freight Capacity Increase

Truck Miles Traveled (TMT) Reduction



Strategic Transportation System (STS) Connections

The Strategic Transportation System (STS), identified as part of Access Ohio 2045 (Ohio's long range transportation plan), stratifies Ohio's significant transportation corridors and inter-modal hubs. Additional information about the STS and Access Ohio 2045 can be found on the Access Ohio 2045 webpage.

The project is part of an STS corridor:

Yes

The project will facilitate a connection between two or more corridors or modal hubs identified on the STS:

Yes

Please provide a brief explanation as to how this project will facilitate a connection between two or more STS resources.

The project will:

- 1) Improve connections between local major arterials and Interstate I-75
- 2) Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities that link to broader network of trails and lanes
- 3) Improve access to CSX RR intermodal facility

The project will connect an STS resource with a local freight or transit facility or resource:

Yes

Please provide a brief explanation as to how this project will connect an STS resource with a local freight or transit facility or resource

The project will allow for improved operations for the existing CSX intermodal facility.



Local Investment Factors

Built Out Local Attributes

Local Investment factors analysis and evaluation of the dollar value of existing, local built-out attributes such as streets, water, and land use. For this analysis TRAC has standardized the project area as a one-mile "rectangular" buffer around the primary roadway segment. Additionally TRAC also considers percentage of acres served by local services within the rectangular buffer with the following formula: **(Length of the primary roadway segment in miles + 2 miles) x 2 miles x 640 acres**

Length of the primary roadway segment
being improved by the project:

0.8

Estimated Project Area Acreage:

3,584

What is the estimated percentage of acres being served by the local services within the estimated project area calculated above?

Local Streets and Roadways
Electrical Service
Water and Sewer Service

100%

100%

100%

What is the estimated square footage for the following building types within the calculated project area?

Light Industrial
Heavy Industrial
Warehouse
Commercial
Institutional

1,144,719

4,788,526

1,453,408

7,005,958

1,913,824

The estimated percentage of road route miles
served by transit routes (excluding ADA/Para
Transit) within the project area:

100%

The estimated percentage of existing
building square footage currently vacant:

90%



New Local Investments

TRAC will consider the monetized value of public investments or commitments for new, non-project infrastructure and private investments within 5-year time horizon prior to and after the date of this TRAC Application.

The dollar value of committed or recent public investment in new, non-project infrastructure within the project area (millions):

\$ 1,015,000,000

The present value of private investment in existing facilities within the project area (millions):

\$ 1,865,000,000

Economic Distress - Poverty & Unemployment Rates

As part of the application scoring process, ODOT collects county level information as the standard measurement for poverty and unemployment factors; however, if a project sponsor provides defensible data at a sub-county or census tract level, TRAC can consider that level of geographic analysis for scoring and evaluation.

Are you entering distress values for a sub-county area to be used in the evaluation of this application?

No - I want to use the information collected by ODOT.

County
Sub-County Poverty Rate
Poverty Rate Data Source
Sub-County Unemployment Rate
Unemployment Rate Data Source



Project Funding Plan

TRAC Funding Request

Please indicate the amount of funding being requested by phase and fiscal year.
Funding requests should consider the funding that will be needed with the next two fiscal years.

Identify the phase(s) new TRAC funding
is being requested for as part of this application:

CO - Construction

	Amount (Millions)	Requested Fiscal Year
PE Funding Request		
DD Funding Request		
RW Funding Request		
CO Funding Request	\$ 50.0	2028

Total New TRAC Funding Request

\$ 50.0

The TRAC previously committed funding for project
development or construction:

Yes

PE

DD

RW

CO

\$ 10.0

\$ 5.0

\$ 25.0

Additional TRAC funds will be requested for future
phases of project development or construction:

Yes

PE

DD

RW

CO

\$ 50.0



Local Funding Commitments

Project development and construction can be funded with multiple local funding sources.
The questions below will help identify the funding sources for this project.

Local funding sources will be used
in project development or construction:

Yes

Total number of local funding sources:

4

Local Funding Source (1)

Capital Improvement Funds (Bonds)

PE

DD

RW

CO

\$ 2.0

\$ 2.0

\$ 1.0

\$ 30.0

Local Funding Source (2)

Municipal Road and County Engineer Funds

PE

DD

RW

CO

\$ 2.2

\$ 1.8

Local Funding Source (3)

Hamilton County 2019 Permissive Auto Fee

PE

DD

RW

CO

\$ 3.0

\$ 30.0

Local Funding Source (4)

Transit Funds (Hamilton County Sales Tax Approved by Referendum in 2020)

PE

DD

RW

CO

\$ 205.0

Local Funding Source (5)

PE

DD

RW

CO

Local Funding Totals

PE

DD

RW

CO

\$ 2.2

\$ 6.8

\$ 1.0

\$ 265.0



Non-TRAC Funding Sources

How many Non-TRAC funding sources (e.g. ODOT Program, Federal Grant, Community Project Funds) are being pursued, have given a commitment to fund, and/or have been secured for project development and/or construction activities?

5

PE	DD	RW	CO
\$ 4.9	\$ 47.3	\$ 15.8	\$ 114.5

Funding Summary

	PE	DD	RW	CO
Local Funding	\$ 2.2	\$ 6.8	\$ 1.0	\$ 265.0
Non-TRAC	\$ 4.9	\$ 47.3	\$ 15.8	\$ 114.5
Previous TRAC Funding		\$ 10.0	\$ 5.0	\$ 25.0
New TRAC Funding				\$ 50.0
Future TRAC Funding				\$ 50.0
Funding Totals	\$ 7.1	\$ 64.1	\$ 21.8	\$ 504.5
Total Project Cost				\$ 597.4

Total Local	Total Non-TRAC	Total TRAC
\$ 275.0	\$ 182.4	\$ 140.0
% Local	% Non-TRAC	% TRAC
46%	31%	23%



Tier I Construction Estimate

*Projects requesting Tier I status are required to submit a budgetary construction estimate.
Additionally estimates must be inflated to the anticipated year of construction.*

Roadway	\$ 45.0
Drainage	\$ 8.4
Traffic Control	\$ 12.6
Structures	\$ 438.7
Retaining Walls	\$ 20.9
Railroad	\$ 10.0
Contingency	\$ 90.0
Total Estimate	\$ 626.0
Date of Inflated Estimate	2/22/2024
Year of Inflation Estimate	2028



MPO & District Acknowledgement

MPO Acknowledgement

The project is within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO):

Yes

Identify the respective MPO or RTPO:

OKI (Cincinnati)

The MPO or RTPO provided a letter of support or acknowledgment:

Yes

District Acknowledgement

The applicant/project sponsor contacted the ODOT District Planning Office regarding project development and construction:

Yes

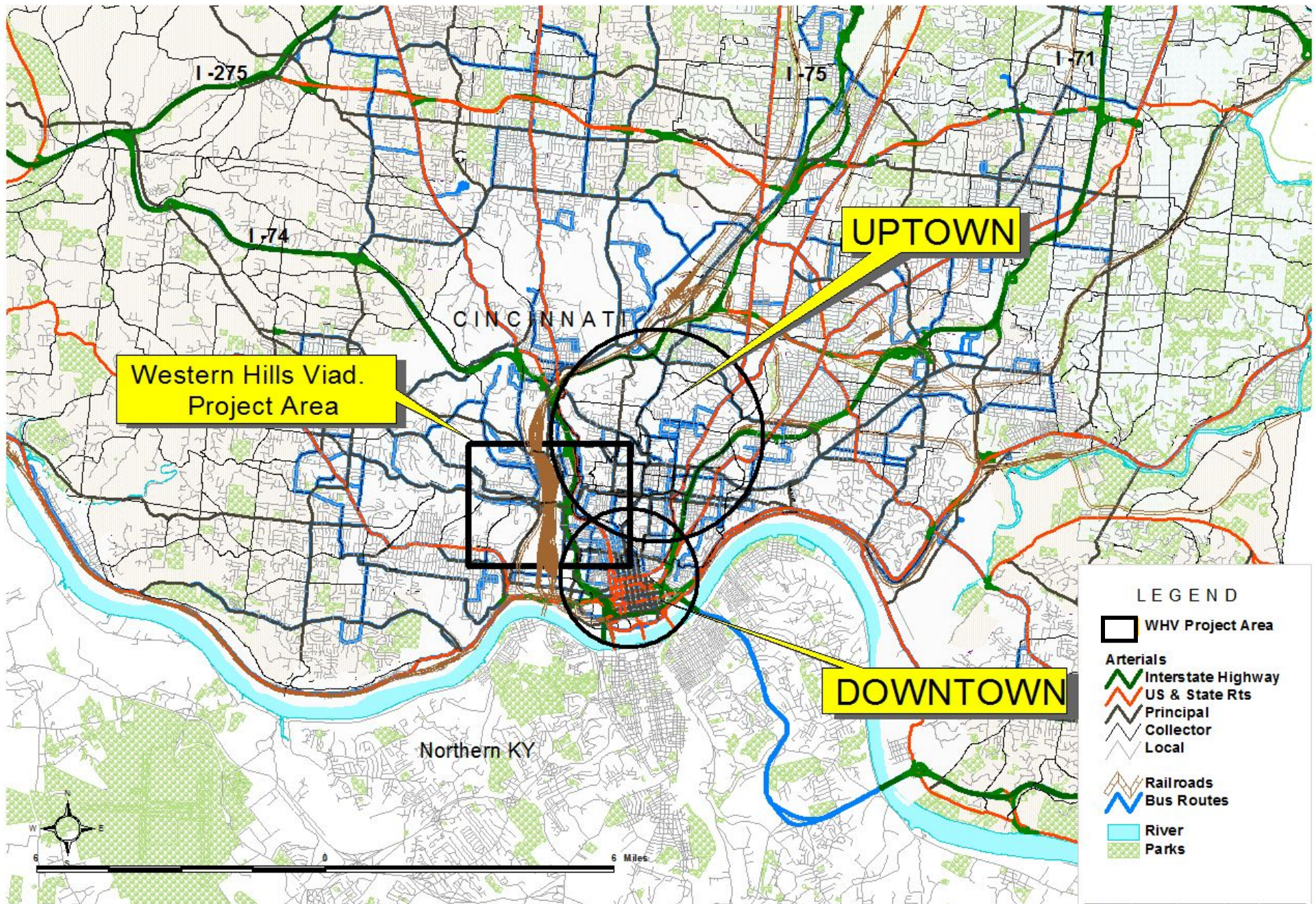
The ODOT District Office provided a letter of support or acknowledgment:

Yes

Attachments

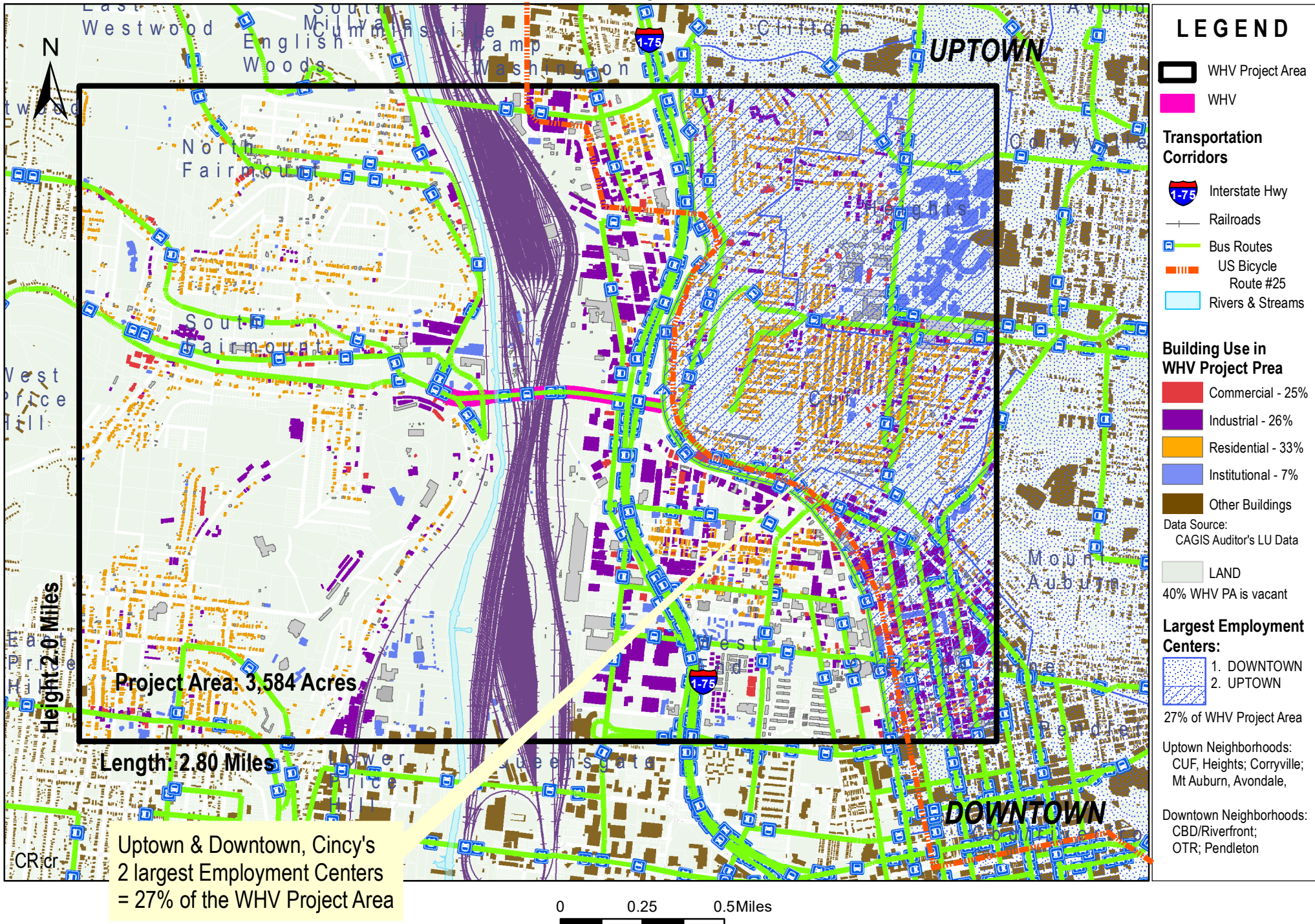
Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project Area





Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project, TRAC Application
Proximity to Major Employment Centers

Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project Area - Land Use Map





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April 10, 2020

Mr. William Shefcik
City of Cincinnati
801 Plum Street
City Hall, Room 450
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Shefcik:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to inform you that the Western Hill Viaduct project (SFN 3137082) has been selected for funding in the Local Major Bridge Program. While current projected program budgets allow for this award, the project selections are contingent upon the availability of future federal funds.

In the past, ODOT has provided 80% of the eligible costs in Federal funds through the Local Major Bridge Program. This year the program is utilizing Toll Revenue Credit (TRC) to provide 95% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of **\$20,000,000** in Federal funds through the Local Major Bridge Program, in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022. However, if the project schedule and funding allow, Local Major Bridge funds are available in SFY 2021.

Eligible work items include relocation of transmission lines, west approach span construction, Pier C construction, construction of a temporary access bridge, track relocation, and retaining wall. To provide greater flexibility to the city and the district, the \$20,000,000 is an overall project cap and may be split as needed between the Right-of-Way (Utilities) and Construction phases.

Please provide written acceptance of the awarded Local Major Bridge funds by **Friday, April 24, 2020** via email to Nichole.Lawhorn@dot.ohio.gov. If acceptance is not received by this date, the funds will be rescinded and awarded to another project in order to ensure a fully funded program.

Please contact Scott Brown, in the ODOT District 8 office at (513) 933-6706, to schedule a project scope meeting and to start the process of programming your project. It is very important to establish solid commitment dates for your project. Failure to meet the agreed upon dates and award year could result in funding being withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 752-6581 or at the email address provided above.

Respectfully,

Nichole Lawhorn

Nichole Lawhorn
Program Manager
Office of Local Programs

c: Scott Brown, ODOT District 8

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U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Project Name: Western Hills Viaduct Replacement

Applicant: City of Cincinnati

INFRA Grant Funding: \$127,115,954. - The proposed award is less than the \$196,000,000 requested, but the project sponsor will deliver the full scope of the project with an altered schedule, as documented in a clarification email.

Portion of Proposed Award Subject to 23 U.S.C. 117(d)(2): \$0.

Estimated Future Eligible Project Costs: \$350,000,000.

Estimated Minimum Non-Federal Funding: \$105,000,000.

Project Description: This project will replace the structurally deficient Western Hills Viaduct over the Mill Creek Valley with a new structure immediately south of the existing viaduct, which will connect to a redesigned interchange with I-75.

Congratulations! The project above was selected to receive an FY 2022 INFRA grant.

The USDOT Operating Administration overseeing your project will contact you regarding next steps to complete the relevant requirements before executing a grant agreement.

This letter DOES NOT authorize the applicant to incur costs to carry out the project. The execution of a grant agreement will obligate INFRA grant funding, making it available to reimburse eligible expenses for the awarded project. Unless authorized by USDOT in writing, any costs incurred prior to that obligation of funds for a project (i.e., "pre-award costs") are ineligible for reimbursement and may be ineligible to count towards non-Federal match requirements. This letter DOES NOT authorize pre-award costs to be eligible. The Department expects all INFRA funding be obligated by September 30, 2025.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact the MPDG Opportunity Team at mpdgrants@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

John Augustine

Director, Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary



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May 17, 2010

Mr. Stephen J. Mary, P.E.
Hamilton County Bridge Engineer
223 W. Galbraith Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215

Dear Mr. Mary:

I am pleased to inform you that on May 13, 2010 the OKI Executive Committee approved the request from Hamilton County to fund the right-of-way phase of the Western Hills Viaduct Project.

The Western Hills Viaduct project was approved for \$3,200,000 in federal STP funds for the right-of-way phase. I have tentatively assigned funding for the project in fiscal year 2014. Hamilton County provided a 20% local match for the project.

Please contact Mr. Edward Moore at ODOT – District 8 in the next 30 days to schedule a field review of the project area this summer; milestone and sale dates will be determined at the field review. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Paine".

Mark R. Paine
TIP Manager

c: Edward Moore, ODOT – District 8
Steve DeHart, ODOT – District 8

Todd B. Portune
President

Mark R. Policinski
CEO/Executive Director

October 30, 2018

Mr. Ted Hubbard, P.E.
Hamilton County Engineer
Hamilton County Engineer's Office
138 East Court Street, Room 700
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am pleased to inform you that the OKI Board of Directors have approved the request from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office to fund a portion of the Western Hills Viaduct Replacement project.

The project was approved for \$4,000,000 in federal STBG funds in FY 2022. The County will provide a 20% local match. OKI is proud to support transformative projects that will make our region's transportation network all the more efficient, integrated and multimodal.

As you proceed in the Project Development Process, please contact Scott Brown, the ODOT District 8 Local Public Agency Coordinator at scott.brown@dot.ohio.gov or (513) 933-6706. Mr. Brown will schedule a field review and scope meeting and provide you with instructions on how to fill out the LPA Scope of Services form.

Please note that this letter serves as a notice of funding award but not as notice to proceed. A formal authorization to proceed will be given in separate correspondence from ODOT. Any expenditures incurred without this authorization to proceed will not be reimbursable.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Reser, TIP Manager, at areser@oki.org or (513) 619-7688.

Sincerely,



T.C. Rogers
OKI President



Mark R. Policinski
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Scott Brown, ODOT – District 8

T.C. Rogers
President

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CEO

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November 4, 2019

Mr. Ted Hubbard, County Engineer
Hamilton County
138 East Court Street, Room 700
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am pleased to inform you that the OKI Board of Directors have approved the request from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office to fund the Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project.

The project was approved for an additional \$6,000,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the construction phase in FY 2023. The County will provide 20% in local match. OKI has previously awarded nearly \$13 million for this project. We are proud to support transformative projects that will make our region's transportation network all the more efficient, integrated and multimodal.

As you proceed in the Project Development Process, please contact Scott Brown, the ODOT District 8 Local Public Agency Coordinator at scott.brown@dot.ohio.gov or (513) 933-6706. Mr. Brown will schedule a field review and scope meeting and provide you with instructions on how to fill out the LPA Scope of Services form.

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Sincerely,

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Kris Knochelmann
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark R. Policinski".

Mark R. Policinski
CEO/Executive Director

Cc: Scott Brown, ODOT District 8

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October 27, 2020

Mr. Eric Beck
Hamilton County Engineer
138 East Court Street, Room 700
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Beck,

I am pleased to inform you that the OKI Board of Directors have approved the request from the Hamilton County Engineer to fund a portion of the Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project.

The project was approved for a total of \$1,000,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the construction phase. A minimum 20% local match is required. OKI is proud to support transformative projects that will make our region's transportation network all the more efficient, integrated and multimodal.

As you proceed in the Project Development Process, please contact Scott Brown, the ODOT District 8 Local Public Agency Coordinator at scott.brown@dot.ohio.gov or (513) 933-6706. Mr. Brown will schedule a field review and scope meeting and provide you with instructions on how to fill out the LPA Scope of Services form.

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Sincerely,



Kris Knochelmann
President



Mark R. Policinski
CEO/Executive Director

Cc: Scott Brown, ODOT District 8
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November 24, 2021

Mr. Eric Beck
Hamilton County Engineer
138 E. Court Street, #700
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Beck,

I am pleased to inform you that the OKI Board of Directors have approved the request from The Hamilton County Engineers Office to fund the Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project.

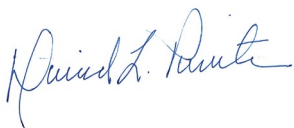
A total of \$1,000,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds was approved for the project. OKI is proud to support transformative projects that will make our region's transportation network all the more efficient, integrated and multimodal.

As you proceed in the Project Development Process, please contact Scott Brown, the ODOT District 8 Local Public Agency Coordinator at scott.brown@dot.ohio.gov or (513) 933-6706. Mr. Brown will schedule a field review and scope meeting and provide you with instructions on how to fill out the LPA Scope of Services form.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Reser, Transportation Programming Manager at areser@oki.org or (513) 619-7688.

Sincerely,



David Painter
President



Mark R. Policinski
CEO/Executive Director

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July 13, 2018

Theodore B. Hubbard, P.E., P.S.
Hamilton County Engineer
138 E. Court Street, Room 700
County Administration Building
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-1258

Re: HAM-CR 457A-0.00, PID 105349 (SFN 3137082) Western Hills Viaduct Replacement

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Your application for use of LBR funds toward the replacement of the above referenced bridge is approved for FY 2024 based on its rank score. This is a target bridge since it has a GA of 4 or less and is in a county with a bridge deck area deficiency greater than the statewide average. It is within the \$10,000,000 target LBR funding level, and will not be subject to re-ranking against the new LBR applications next year. The project has an estimated construction cost of \$335,000,000 including construction engineering. The projected funding breakdown for the LBR portion of the project is as follows:

Construction Contract Estimate:	\$6,250,000
80% LBR Funding:	\$5,000,000
20% Local Match:	\$1,250,000
Federal Max (at 80%):	\$5,000,000

By copy of this letter ODOT will be formally advised of this LBR funding approval. Please also coordinate with your MPO to ensure that this funding is included in their TIP as appropriate. If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Michele Risko
CSTP/LBR Program Manager

cc: S. Brown, ODOT District 8; A. Stevenson, ODOT Central Office; File

The County Road to Success and the Bridge to the Future



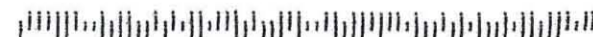
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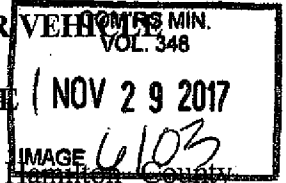
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On motion of Mr. Portune, seconded by Ms. Driehaus the following resolution was adopted...

BL-3
**RESOLUTION LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE DOLLAR (\$5.00) MOTOR VEHICLE
LICENSE TAX FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO
PURSUANT TO SECTION 4504.24 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**



WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, in consultation with the Hamilton County Engineer, has determined that additional revenue is needed for the repaving, maintaining, improving, planning and construction of public roads, highways, streets, bridges and viaducts within Hamilton County, State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and County Engineer have determined this necessity is especially important to address the rehabilitation and / or replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct within the City of Cincinnati and as well as other deficient bridges and viaducts within Hamilton County outside the City of Cincinnati as rated and identified on the annual Hamilton County Engineer Bridge Map and Inventory Printout (HCE Bridge Report); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners may levy an additional annual license tax, in addition to the tax levied by Section 4503.02 4503.07 and 4503.18, and any other relevant tax levied under this title of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), upon the operation of motor vehicles utilizing the public roads, highways bridges and viaducts pursuant to Section 4504.24 of the ORC; and

WHEREAS, the additional annual tax shall be at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per motor vehicle on all motor vehicles in the district of registration, to wit: HAMILTON COUNTY, , State of Ohio, and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 4504.24 of the ORC, the Board of County Commissioners conducted two public hearings regarding an additional motor vehicle license tax, the first hearing pursuant to law was held on November 2, 2017 at the Incline Theater 801 Matson Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45204, and the second hearing was held on November 8, 2017 at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, Room 603, County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, and after the proper notice thereof required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Section 4504.24 of the ORC, hereby determines that it is necessary to levy an additional county motor vehicle license tax;
2. That an additional annual license tax is hereby levied pursuant to Section 4504.24 of the ORC; this tax is in addition to any tax levied pursuant to Section 4503.02, 4503.07 and 4503.18 of the ORC and any other relevant tax levied under this title of the Ohio Revised Code; the tax shall be at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per motor vehicle on all motor vehicles in the district of registration of which is in HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO; the rate shall be in addition to the taxes at rates specified in Sections 4503.04 and 4503.16 of the ORC
3. That a portion of the annual funding generated from this additional annual license tax shall be directed to the rehabilitation and/or replacement of the Western Hills Viaduct within the City of Cincinnati and the remaining portion from this additional annual license tax shall be directed to lawfully permitted projects, including but not limited to the repair, restoration and/or replacement of other deficient roads, streets, highways, bridges and viaducts within Hamilton County outside the City of Cincinnati as permitted by law; and

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4. That this Resolution shall become effective thirty days following adoption.
5. That the Board of County Commissioners shall provide written notice of the adoption this resolution to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation that is located in Hamilton County and the board of trustees of each township that is located in Hamilton County in accordance with Section 4504.24 of the ORC.
6. The County Engineer of Hamilton County is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Registrar of Motor Vehicle as soon as possible in accordance with the Section 4504.24 of the ORC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the additional annual license tax levied by this Resolution, once in effect, shall remain in effect for the latter of thirty years or until such time as any and all obligations relating to bonds, notes, loans or other indebtedness of the County supported with revenues from the subject additional license tax have been retired in full at which time the additional annual license tax shall be considered repealed in accordance with Section 4504.24 (E) of the ORC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as responsible stewards of the fiscal authority granted by ORC Section 4504.24, the Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the County Administrator, in cooperation with the Hamilton County Engineer, to annually submit to the Board of County Commissioners by March 31st of each year for the preceding year, a report of revenues, expenditures, capital projects associated with expenditures, debt schedule, or any other pertinent data or information, demonstrating fiscally responsible application of the subject additional annual license tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Engineer, the County Auditor and the County Treasurer.

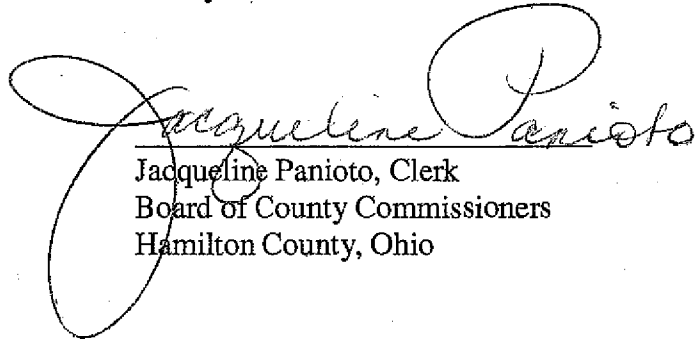
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, this 29th day of November, 2017.

Ms. Driehaus, YESMr. Monzel, YESMr. Portune, YES

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a Resolution adopted by this Board of County Commissioners in session this 29th day of November, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the office of the County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 29th day of November, 2017.


Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio

Certified Copy
Hamilton County Auditor
Hamilton County Engineer
Hamilton County Treasurer
Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle

10 Year Bridge CIP With Additional \$ 5 Motor Vehicle License Tax

(Cost Includes Current Engineering , Right of Way, Construction Needs)
Additional \$ 5 Fee To Cover No More Than \$ 2 Million Annually
Other Sources Of Available Funding May Also Be Used

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IMAGE 5842

2019	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Jordan 0041	\$500,000	Miami	Interior Prestressed Box Beams deficient
Sheed 0203	\$500,000	Colerain	Interior Prestressed Box Beams deficient
Rapid Run 0238	\$600,000	Delhi	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Turpin 0032	\$250,000	Anderson	Structurally deficient
Riddle 0098	\$1,250,000	Woodlawn	Masonry-Concrete Walls/ Tee Beams deficient
Cleves Warsaw 0011	\$70,000	County	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$3,420,000		

2020	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Beerman 0005	\$420,000	Colerain	Functionally Obsolete
Newtown 0293	\$850,000	Anderson	Interior box beams deficient
Kleeman Court 0005	\$700,000	Green	Concrete Tee Beam deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$2,220,000		

2021	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
East Miami River Rd. 1225	\$850,000	Colerain	Alignment, Wingwalls, Interior Box Beams Deficient
Berkshire 0083	\$500,000	Anderson	Rusty, Corr. Metal deficient, Needs lining CMP
Walton Creek 0013	\$150,000	Columbia	Functionally Obsolete
Walton Creek 0092	\$750,000	Indian Hill	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$2,500,000		

2022	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Miamiview 0231	\$850,000	Cleves	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
East Miami River Rd. 1047	\$45,000	Colerain	Structurally deficient
Hopewell 0145	\$1,400,000	Indian Hill	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Covered Bridge 0007	\$650,000	Springfield	Covered Bridge Deck, Roof deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$3,195,000		

2023	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Bank 0149	\$750,000	Colerain	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Loveland 0635	\$1,750,000	Loveland	Structurally deficient
East Miami River Rd. 1047	\$600,000	Colerain	Structurally deficient
Snider 0163	\$200,000	Symmes	Concrete ends, slab deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$3,550,000		

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IMAGE 5843

10 Year Bridge CIP With Additional \$ 5 Motor Vehicle License Tax

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2024	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Bank 0121	\$500,000	Colerain	Rusty - Corr. Metal deficient; Needs lining CMP
Jordan 0073	\$150,000	Miami	Rusty - Corr. Metal deficient; Needs lining CMP
Howard 0037	\$450,000	Harrison	Functionally obsolete
Loveland Madeira 0361	\$650,000	Symmes	Structurally deficient; outlet collapsed
New Biddinger 0085	\$750,000	Harrison	Embankment, Headwall deficient
Galbraith 0106	\$150,000	Reading	Paint deficient - steel beams
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$2,900,000		

2025	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Kellogg 0109	\$350,000	Anderson	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Taylor 0263	\$650,000	Green	Deficient double concrete culvert
Werk 0234	\$450,000	Green	Interior box beams deficient
Blome 0157	\$500,000	Indian Hill	Steel truss deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$2,200,000		

2026	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Clark 0020	\$550,000	Reading	Deck, Expan Jts, Steel Rail, Conc Walls deficient
Yeatman 0008	\$150,000	Colerain	Functionally obsolete
Muddy Creek 0167	\$450,000	Green	Functionally obsolete
Brierly Creek 0001	\$700,000	Green	Wingwalls, concrete slab deficient
Keller 0106	\$300,000	Indian Hill	Interior box beams deficient
Hillside	\$300,000	Delhi	Concrete Deck deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$2,200,000		

2027	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
New Service 0087	\$1,150,000	Anderson	Structurally deficient
Cleves Warsaw 0138	\$250,000	Green	Alignment, hydraulics, deck deficient
Camargo 0062	\$500,000	Columbia	Concrete sides and top deficient
East Miami River Rd. 1225	\$700,000	Colerain	Alignment, hydraulics, interior box beams deficient
Kemper 0434	\$300,000	Sharonville	Deck, sidewalk, trail walkways deficient
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$3,150,000		

2028	Cost	Jurisdiction	Description
Fallis 0051	\$200,000	Symmes	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Main St. 0135	\$350,000	Addyston	Alignment, hydraulics deficient
Weller 0903	\$650,000	Montgomery	Alignment, hydraulics deficient, arch needs sealing
Race 0115	\$400,000	Green	Alignment, hydraulics, wingwalls, bridge rail deficient
Wuest 0046	\$700,000	Colerain	Paint deficient - steel beams
Bridge Maintenance	\$250,000	County	
	\$2,550,000		

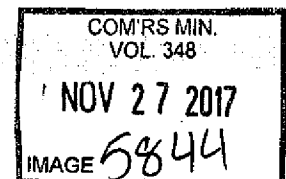
Giglio, Theresa

From: notification@civiclive.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Giglio, Theresa
Subject: Electronic Public Hearing 2017-11-22 01:27 PM(EST) Submission Notification

Electronic Public Hearing 2017-11-22 01:27 PM(EST) was submitted by Guest on 11/22/2017 1:27:52 PM (GMT-05:00) US/Eastern

Name
btnSM For
txtSM Western Hills Viaduct
txtEmail lamey45@gmail.com
txtName Elizabeth LaMey
txtAdd 3285 Daytona Ave
txtCity Cincinnati
txtZip 45211
txtPhone 513-498-3345

Value



For 25 years at a minimum the Western Hills Viaduct pushed through by Gamble has needed to be replaced. Once again we are being overlooked for something like the Bengals stadium.
txtComments another useless piece of concrete that makes the city skyline uglier instead of giving the city the infrastructure improvements that need to be in place to support growth and prosperity to a part of town that is once again forgotten. And that comes from an east sider who moved to the west side.

To view this form submission online, please follow the link below:

<http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/form/one.aspx?objectId=11378564&contextId=5319642&returnto=submissions>

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 369 - 2017

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary administrative steps to issue \$33 million of additional debt over the next six fiscal years for the purpose of providing a 50-50 match with Hamilton County to leverage the necessary state and federal funding for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

WHEREAS, the current estimated regional cost of replacing the Western Hills Viaduct is approximately \$335,000,000, and the project is expected to take approximately thirteen years to complete, over the course of six construction phases and four ongoing maintenance phases as funding becomes available, and the City's 50-50 match with Hamilton County to leverage the necessary state and federal funding for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct is \$33 million; 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 take all necessary administrative steps to issue \$33 million of additional debt over the next six fiscal years for the purpose of providing a 50-50 match with Hamilton County to leverage the necessary state and federal funding for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Section 2. 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 authorize the City Manager to initiate the necessary steps to move forward with issuance of the described additional debt on behalf of the City of Cincinnati.

Passed: December 20, 2017

Attest:

[Signature]
Clerk

[Signature]
John Cranley, Mayor

CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE No. 369-2017
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 1-2-2018
Melissa Antley
CLERK OF COUNCIL



May 28, 2025

Ohio Department of Transportation
Attn: Kevin Davis, ODOT TRAC Coordinator
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Re: TRAC Grant Application – Western Hills Viaduct

Dear Mr. Davis,

Improving transportation infrastructure in Greater Cincinnati is critical to supporting economic growth, quality of life, and long-term regional sustainability. As Hamilton County Engineer, I am writing in full support of the joint application by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County for TRAC funding for the Western Hills Viaduct (WHV) Project.

The WHV is a double-deck bridge constructed in 1932 to serve a major regional transportation function. It remains a vital multimodal link connecting the west side of Cincinnati and Hamilton County with the “Downtown” and “Uptown” business districts, the Mill Creek industrial corridor, and the regional highway network via I-75. Approximately 55,000 vehicles cross the viaduct daily. Combined, the “Downtown” and “Uptown” job centers represent over 115,000 jobs.

The existing viaduct spans significant intermodal freight and passenger rail infrastructure, including the CSX Queensgate Yard—one of the largest classification yards in North America, as well as a Norfolk Southern mainline and other critical rail support facilities.

Unfortunately, the structure is functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. It has a bridge condition rating of 4 out of 9 and a sufficiency rating of just 2 out of 100. Concrete has fallen from the upper deck onto the lower deck and, in some cases, onto the active rail yard below. The structure fails to meet current ODOT design standards in several areas, including sight distance, weaving lengths, lateral clearances, and vertical/horizontal alignments, directly impacting both safety and mobility.

Recognizing the urgency, Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati have taken significant local action. A new \$66 million local match has been generated through a license plate fee and bond issuance. Additionally, in 2020, Hamilton County voters approved a 0.8% sales tax increase to fund transportation improvements countywide. From this dedicated revenue stream, \$205 million is committed to construction of the new WHV.

Given its regional importance and the substantial local investment already made, I respectfully request TRAC's full consideration for funding this critical project. Thank you for your time and attention to this important infrastructure priority.

Respectfully,

Eric J. Beck, PE-PS
Hamilton County Engineer

Rhodes, Brian

From: Andy Reser <ARESER@oki.org>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 10:16 AM
To: Shefcik, Bill
Cc: Brown, Scott; Rhodes, Brian; Robert Koehler
Subject: [External Email] Re: TRAC 2025 Project Applications - Western Hills Viaduct

External Email Communication

Dear TRAC Board,

I am writing to express Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) acknowledgement and support for the City of Cincinnati's intention to submit the following project for TRAC funding:

Western Hills Viaduct Replacement in Cincinnati

As the MPO for the region, we understand the value the project brings to connectivity, mobility, safety, and economic vitality. This project is included in OKI's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and TIP and is very important to more than 2.1 million residents of the region. This aging structure is both structurally and functionally obsolete and needs immediate attention.

Thank you for the important work you do and the continued support for transportation projects across the state.

Andrew J. Reser

Andrew J. Reser, AICP
OKI Manager of Transportation Programming

From: Shefcik, Bill <Bill.Shefcik@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 9:10 AM
To: Andy Reser <ARESER@oki.org>
Cc: Brown, Scott <scott.brown@dot.ohio.gov>; Rhodes, Brian <brian.rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Subject: FW: TRAC 2025 Project Applications - Western Hills Viaduct

Dear Andy,

I received an out of office reply from Bob Koehler after sending the email below. His reply says he will be out until June 2. In his absence, could you please fulfill my request below?

Thanks,
Bill

From: Shefcik, Bill
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Robert Koehler <RKOEHLER@oki.org>
Cc: Long, Greg (Engineering) <Greg.Long@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Beck, Eric <eric.beck@hamilton-co.org>; tgadbury <Todd.Gadbury@Hamilton-Co.Org>; Brown, Scott <scott.brown@dot.ohio.gov>; Rhodes, Brian <brian.rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Sutter, Morgan <Morgan.Sutter@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Subject: FW: TRAC 2025 Project Applications - Western Hills Viaduct

Dear Bob,

The City of Cincinnati intends to submit an application to TRAC for the Western Hills Viaduct project during the current solicitation round ending May 31, 2025. As part of the application process, TRAC is requesting a letter of support or acknowledgment of the project from the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization. Can you please provide me written acknowledgment and/or support of the project from OKI for inclusion in our application?

Thank you in advance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Bill Shefcik, P.E.
Principal Structural Engineer
City of Cincinnati
Department of Transportation and Engineering
801 Plum Street
Room 450 City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
513-352-5273 (tel)

"Providing a safe and balanced transportation system that supports neighborhood livability and economic vitality."

Rhodes, Brian

From: Suzanne.Enders@dot.ohio.gov
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 2:45 PM
To: Rhodes, Brian; Brown, Scott
Cc: Shefcik, Bill
Subject: [External Email] RE: WHVR - 2025 TRAC Application

You don't often get email from suzanne.enders@dot.ohio.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

External Email Communication

Brian,

This email serves as the ODOT District 8 acknowledgement of the City of Cincinnati's application to TRAC for the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Please let us know if there is anything else ODOT D8 can do to support the application.

Thanks,
Suzanne E Enders, P.E.
Capital Programs Administrator
ODOT District 8
D: 513.933.6186 C:859.653.7356



**Department of
Transportation**

From: Rhodes, Brian <Brian.Rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Brown, Scott <Scott.Brown@dot.ohio.gov>; Enders, Suzanne <Suzanne.Enders@dot.ohio.gov>
Cc: Shefcik, Bill <Bill.Shefcik@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Subject: WHVR - 2025 TRAC Application

Good Morning Scott and Suzanne

Please see below for a link to the saved draft version of our 2025 TRAC application.

Scott, please let me know if you seen anything that needs to be adjusted or if you need more information for ELLIS. I noted that on page 14 of the application, under "Project Phase Totals", in the RW phase, the total shown in the auto-populated box is 20M higher (total should be 21.75M but is showing as 41.75M) than it should be when you sum up all the RW funding in the previous pages. I cannot edit this box or the formula, so I am assuming it is something with the page setup. This has a trickle down to the "Total Project Cost" on the same page (total should be 597.43M but is showing as 617.43M). Please see attached a basic spreadsheet for a summary of funding input values.

Suzanne, could you please provide a District Letter of Acknowledgement for the project?

https://ODOT.formstack.com/forms/2025_trac_application?i-18234230-Dxtugi2wgB

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Best Regards,
Brian

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