



Cleveland Moves Implementation Grant Authorization— Safe Routes to School and ODOT Special Solicitation

City Planning Commission

Ord. No. 711-2025

Request for Legislation

Summary

The Directors of City Planning, Capital Projects, and Public Works request authorization to apply for and accept funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation, and to employ one or more professional consultants and enter into various written standard purchase and requirement contracts; to determine the method of making the public improvements and constructing safety improvements; and to enter into one or more public improvement contracts for the making of the improvements. This legislation covers two 2025 grant programs:

- Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant: \$1,000,000 for the design and construction of safety improvements along E. 55th Street aligned with the E. 55th Street Safety Action Plan, including high visibility crosswalks, roadway restriping, and the addition of protected bike lanes from Outhwaite Avenue to the lakefront. This funding requires no local match.
- ODOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Special Solicitation Grant: \$3,000,000 request for the design and engineering phase of over 23 miles of separated, quick-build bikeways based on Cleveland Moves plan recommendations and construction of one mile of critical separated bikeway connections; and \$3,000,000 for the purchase of quick-build materials including modular bus boarding platforms and approximately 10 miles worth of vertical delineators for bicycle lane separation. This \$6,000,000 total request requires a 20% local match (\$1,200,000) from the City.

Background

We engaged Clevelanders about transportation safety as we created and adopted the [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) in 2022. We engaged Clevelanders about their mobility needs through the [Cleveland Moves](#) planning process from June 2024-April 2025. Cleveland Moves makes us eligible to apply for the annual Safe Routes to School grant cycle for the first time in several years. This funding source is targeted at improving transportation safety near schools, especially for people walking and biking. The ODOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Special Solicitation fund is a unique, one-time, short-term funding opportunity only available this year.





Details

This legislation allows us to apply for, accept, and expend funding that will pay for the engineering design and quick-build construction of transportation safety and mobility improvements including bus boarding platforms, delineators to upgrade existing bikeways to be separated, engineering design of separated bikeways, and some quick-build construction of bikeways.

Alignment

This funding directly supports Cleveland Moves and our Vision Zero Action Plan, two plans that the City has adopted in the past few years. Vision Zero is a commitment to ending fatal and serious injuries caused by traffic crashes in Cleveland. (In 2024, we had 75 fatalities.) Cleveland Moves is our multimodal transportation plan that also serves as a Safe Routes to School Plan, informed by resident input and data analysis. The funding also advances recommendations from the City's E. 55th Street Action Plan, which is a more focused look at the needs of the corridor coming out of the citywide Vision Zero hotspot assessment.

Financial Impact

This request allows us to apply for, accept, and expend at total of \$7 million in funds to implement priority Cleveland Moves recommendations. \$6 million of this funding requires a 20% local match, which would total \$1,200,000. The \$7 million would be awarded to the City of Cleveland through the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Geographic Impact

This funding would support safety and mobility improvements on many roadway segments across the City.

