



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**

Mayor Justin M. Bibb

**CITY PLANNING**

Ord. No. 851-2025

**Calley Mersmann**  
Director

June 25, 2025

The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin  
President—Cleveland City Council  
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**RE: Legislation passed under suspension – July 9, 2025**

Dear Council President Blaine A. Griffin:

I am writing to ask your support in introducing and passing the legislation described below under suspension at the City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2025. This ordinance authorizes the City's grant application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, with details as follows:

Authorizing the Director of City Planning to apply for and accept \$11,976,625 in award dollars from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement grant program for the purposes of: 1) constructing high comfort pedestrian and bicycle improvements in accordance with the Cleveland Moves 5-year multimodal transportation plan; 2) purchasing electric/no-emission vehicles and equipment for the city's fleet; and 3) establishing the city's first e-bike rebate program for residents.

The passage of this ordinance under suspension on July 9 is essential to meet the grant review and approval deadlines established by NOACA for this grant cycle. NOACA anticipates releasing CMAQ award recommendations in their Board committee packets on July 11, 2025, and requires authorizing legislation as part of that packet.

I appreciate your support and understanding in moving this legislation for the City's CMAQ grant application forward. If you have any questions, please contact me at 216-857-1466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Calley Mersmann".

Calley Mersmann  
Director, City Planning

