

# Ordinance No. 527-2023

**By Council Members McCormack, Bishop, Hairston and Griffin (by departmental request)**

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from Fund No. 10 SF 400 for the detailed design of the North Coast Connector; and authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to apply for and accept any gifts, grants, or services from any public or private entity.

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WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland seeks to advance its vision of enhancing access from Cleveland's downtown to the Lake Erie lakefront ("Lakefront") and support economic development, as a continuation of decades of planning and efforts to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the North Coast Connector is a proposed land bridge that would connect Mall C and City Hall to the Lakefront (the "Improvement"); and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is underway to determine if the Improvement will either (1) span over the railroad tracks and the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway ("Shoreway"); or (2) require that the Shoreway be reconfigured into a boulevard configuration; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Improvement is to increase the connectivity between Cleveland's downtown and the Lakefront for multiple modes of transportation, improve safe access to the Lakefront and promote and enable economic redevelopment and revitalization along the Lakefront; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council hereby appropriates \$3,000,000,000 from Fund No. 10 SF 400 for the detailed design of the Improvement. (RQS 0103, RL 2023-52)

Section 2. That the Director of Capital Projects is authorized to apply for and accept any gifts, grants, or services for design of the Improvement from any public or private entity; and that the Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive any gift, grant funds or services; and that any funds received are appropriated for the purposes described in this ordinance. That the Director is further authorized to pay cash matching funds from the appropriation provided herein if required to receive grant funding.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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4-24-2023  
FOR: Director DeRosa

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and referred to DIRECTORS of Capital Projects,  
City Planning Commission, Finance, Law;  
COMMITTEES on Municipal Services and Properties,  
Development Planning and Sustainability,  
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