



SORTA/Metro
Infrastructure, Bike & ROW
August 20, 2024
10:00 am-10:30 am Eastern Time

INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE AND ROW COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER
6th FLOOR SORTA BOARD ROOM
525 VINE STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

General Items:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1 Approval of Infrastructure, Bike and ROW Committee Minutes: February 20th, 2024

Briefing Item:

- 2 Rail Right of Way Disposition Update (Khaled Shammout)

Action Items:

- 3 Approval of Award 2024 Transit Infrastructure Funds Projects (Khaled Shammout)
 - 3.1 Action Item:
 - 3.2 Presentation

Other Items:

New Business

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Infrastructure, Bike and ROW Committee has not been scheduled.

INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE AND ROW COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024 – 10:30 A.M
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER
SORTA BOARD ROOM- 6TH FLOOR
525 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO 45202

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS ASSIGNED: Sara Sheets (*Chair*), Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Roderick Hinton and KZ Smith

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Carleski, Chelsea Clark, Blake Ethridge, Rod Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Gwen Robinson, Sara Sheets

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, KZ Smith, Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, Julie Beard, Norman Bouwie, John Edmondson, Dave Ettienne, Pat Giblin, Adriene Hairston, Darryl Haley, Mary Huller, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Tenecia Le'Flore, Troy Miller, Brad Mook, Samantha Pointer, Breanna Rahe, Emi Randall, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Kevin Ruth, Mark Samaan, Alyssa Scenters, August Schweitzer, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul and Joe Vilvens

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Schaefer (Legal Counsel-Vorys), Matthew Hulme (City of Cincinnati), Nick Vehr (VEHR Company), John Brazine (City of Cincinnati) and Doug McClintock (Red Bike)

1. Call to order

Ms. Sheets called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of September 19th 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sheets made a motion and Mr. Metz seconded the motion to approve the Infrastructure, Bike, & ROW Committee Meeting minutes from September 19th, 2023. By voice vote the meeting minutes were approved by the Committee.

4. Transit Infrastructure Annual Report

Mr. Shammout presented the Transit Infrastructure Annual Report – Round 3 (2023). He provided an update on year 1 and year 2. He also shared community quotes as well as before and after photos of some of the MTIF funded projects that have been completed.

The Committee accepted the report as presented.

5. Proposed Motion: Approval of Transit Infrastructure Fund Guideline Update

Mr. Shammout presented the Approval of Transit Infrastructure Fund Guideline Update.

The Committee agreed to recommend this motion to the full Board and suggested some minor revisions.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 A.M.

The next meeting of the Infrastructure, Bike & Row Committee has not been scheduled.



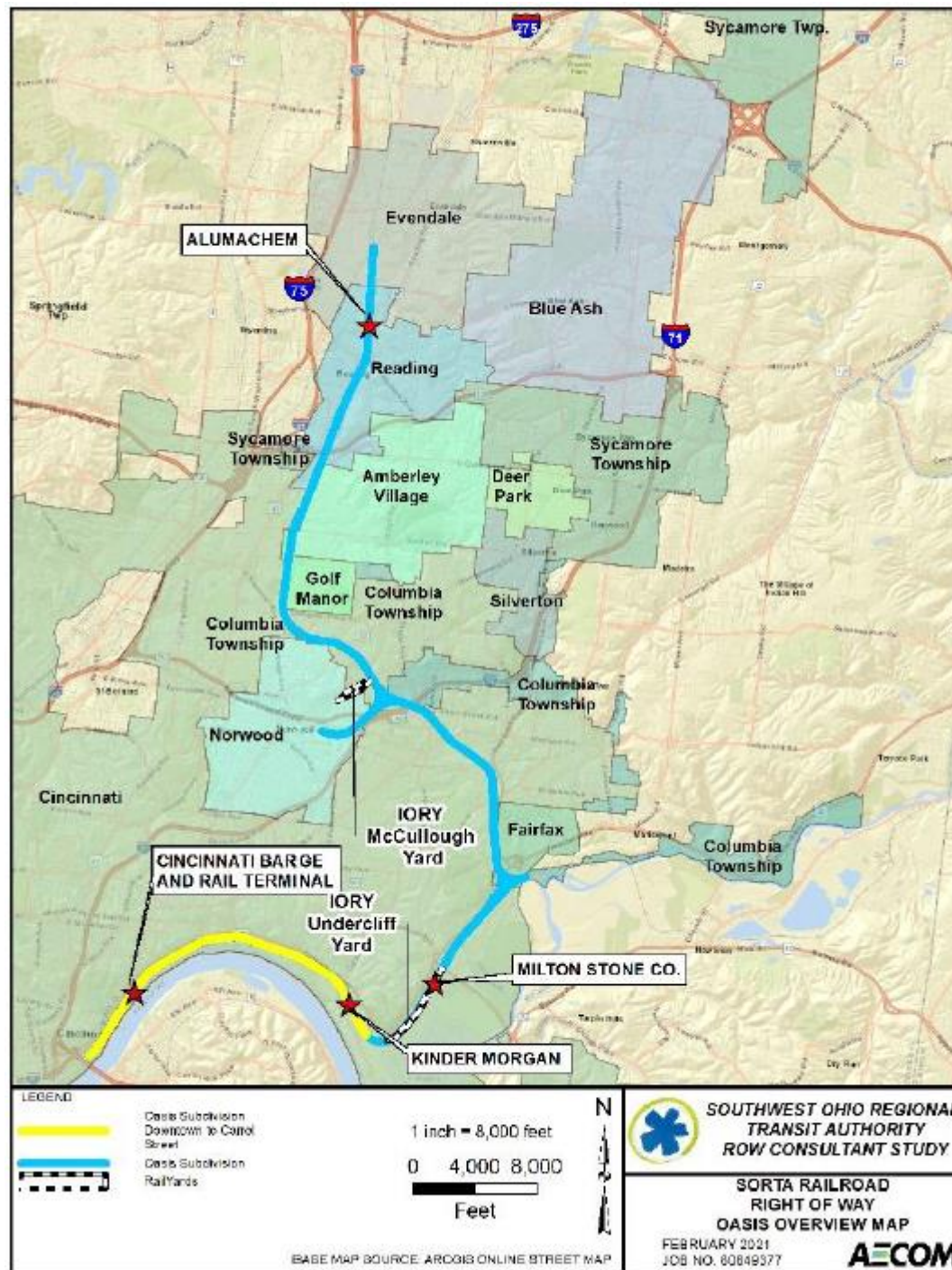
INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE, AND ROW

Committee Meeting: August 20, 2024

History

- I- 71 Corridor Project
2002 Metro Moves
- Eastern Corridor
Multimodal Project
1996-2016

A
OASIS CORRIDOR
 Purchased in 1994 from
 Indiana & Ohio Railway
 \$3.0M



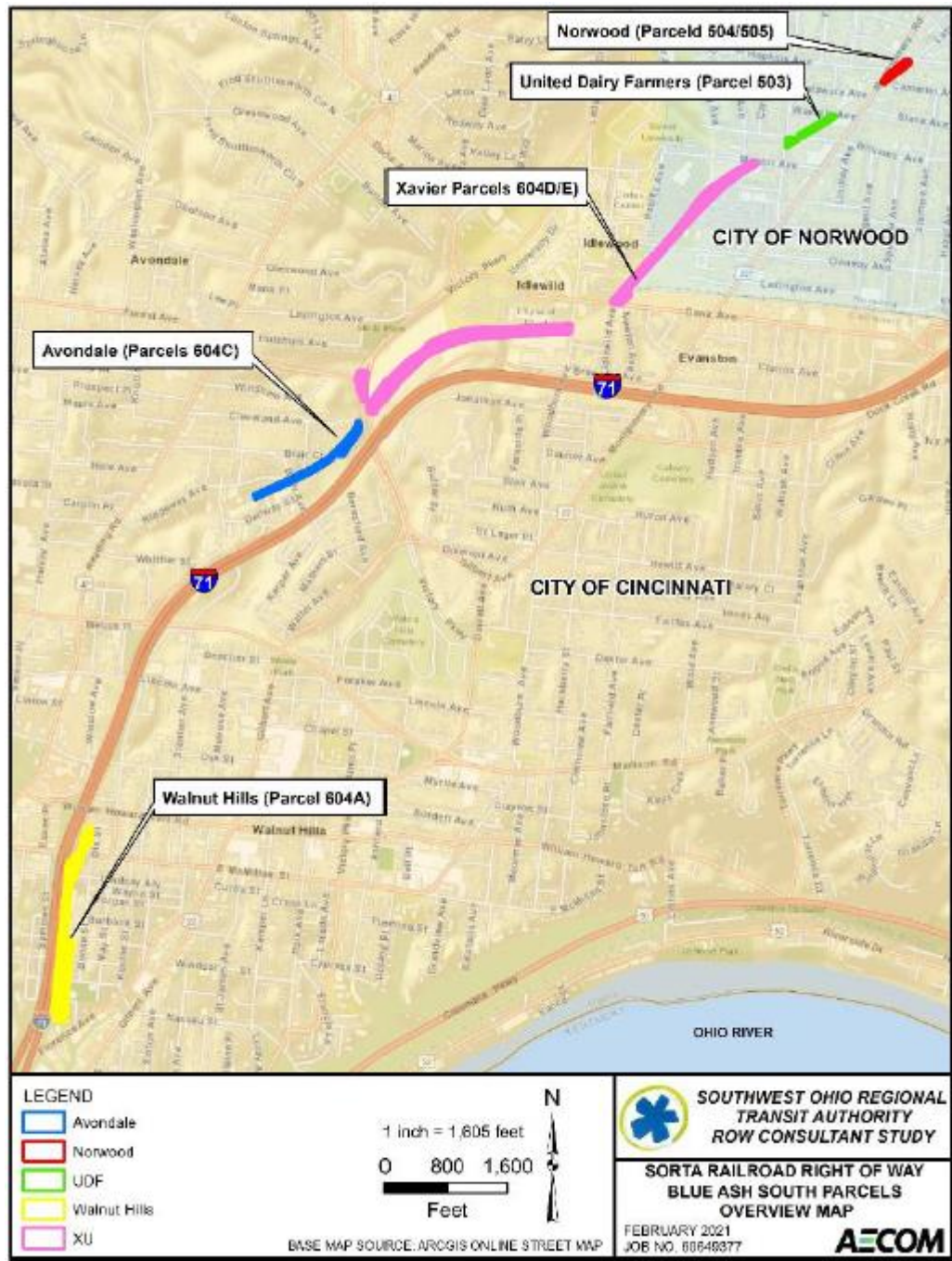
The Oasis Corridor is a 16.4-mile-long freight railroad operated by IORY

The SORTA-owned property in this corridor totals approximately 117 acres

History

- I- 71 Corridor Project
2002 Metro Moves
- Eastern Corridor
Multimodal Project
1996-2016

B BLUE ASH SOUTH PARCELS
 Purchased in 1985 at auction from Conrail
 \$685k

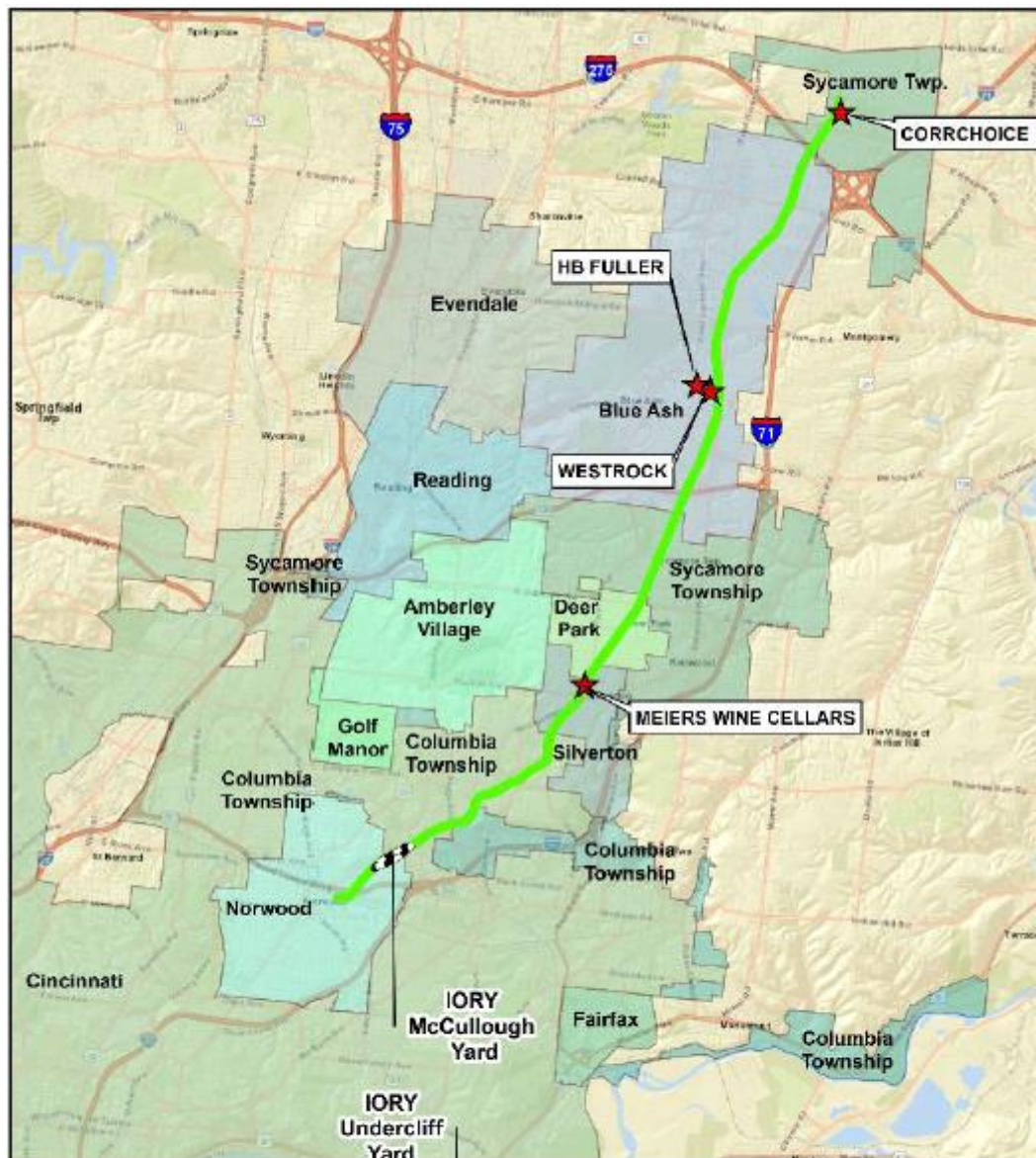


Blue Ash South parcels are a grouping of nine noncontiguous parcels in the City of Cincinnati and Norwood

Railroad operations between Avondale and downtown Cincinnati ceased in the 1970s soon after the construction of Interstate 71. There are no railroad connections or uses on the properties

History

- I- 71 Corridor Project
2002 Metro Moves
- Eastern Corridor
Multimodal Project
1996-2016



The Blue Ash North Corridor is a 9.6-mile-long stub-ended single track railroad corridor operated by IORY

The SORTA-owned property totals approximately 59 acres

BLUE ASH NORTH CORRIDOR
 Purchased in 1997 from Indiana & Ohio Railway
 \$5.1M

<p>LEGEND</p>	<p>Blue Ash Subdivision Rail Yards</p>	<p>1 inch = 7,500 feet 0 3,700 7,400 Feet</p>		<p>SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ROW CONSULTANT STUDY</p> <p>SORTA RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY BLUE ASH NORTH OVERVIEW MAP FEBRUARY 2021 JOB NO. 80649377</p>
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BASE MAP SOURCE: ARCGIS ONLINE STREET MAP

Rail ROW History



2021 Existing Conditions Study - AECOM

- Current Rail Operations
- Operating Agreements
- Physical Condition
- Maintenance Needs
- Crossings

2021 Evaluation and Recommendations Report – AECOM

- Recommended that SORTA dispose of the railroad property



Rail ROW Update

FTA – Property Disposition Process

- Real Property Appraisal Report – 2023
- Review of Appraisal Report (3rd Party) - 2023
- FTA Review of property reported valued > \$1M - 2024
 - FTA requested Reappraisals and Appraisal Reviews - 2024
- Received FTA Concurrence of Appraisals Values August 6th 2024



Next Steps

Disposal Plan

- Follow up with the FTA regarding the request to transfer a portion of the Oasis Line for the rail to trail project
- Hire a real estate broker to assist with the market analysis, sale strategy, and listing
- Internal stakeholder requirements gathering meeting
- Sell the ROW!





BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-xx

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED 2024 TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECTS

WHEREAS:

1. In May 2020, Hamilton County voters passed Issue 7 which approved a sales and use tax in the amount of eight-tenths of one percent for a period of twenty-five years. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds of the levy are to be used for public infrastructure projects, primarily but not limited to, bridges and roads.
2. The Transit Infrastructure Fund program is intended to assist localities within Hamilton County in improving the state of their transportation infrastructure.
3. The program is administered by SORTA, although grants made through the program will be awarded/approved by the Public Works Integrating Committee of Hamilton County in accordance with state law.
4. SORTA issued a general call for projects from the jurisdictions within and including Hamilton County. Projects submitted under this request have been reviewed and scored based upon the project scoring methodology approved by the SORTA Board for this program year.
5. SORTA received thirty-nine (39) proposals from twenty-five (25) different municipalities from Hamilton County in the award amount of \$33,912,888, which includes \$14,500,000 for the Western Hills Viaduct project. Staff recommends the grants be awarded to 9 projects in 7 jurisdictions as shown upon the attached and that this recommendation be forwarded to the Public Works Integrating Committee of Hamilton County for approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

6. The SORTA Board hereby approves the award of grant funded projects as shown upon the attached and that the CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to forward this recommendation to the Public Works Integrating Committee of Hamilton County for approval.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION ITEM

DATE: August 20th, 2024

FROM: Jason Roe, Director of Infrastructure & Development Programming
Khaled Shammout, Chief Strategic Planning, Development, & Innovation Officer

PROJECT NO.:

REQUEST: Approval of Recommended 2024 Transit Infrastructure 2024 Transit Infrastructure Fund Projects

BACKGROUND

In May 2020, Hamilton County voters passed Issue 7 which approved a sales and use tax in the amount of eight-tenths of one percent for a period of twenty-five years. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds of the levy are to be used for public infrastructure projects, primarily but not limited to, bridges and roads.

BUSINESS PURPOSE

The Transit Infrastructure Fund program is intended to assist localities within Hamilton County in improving the state of their transportation infrastructure.

The program is administered by SORTA, although grants made through the program will be awarded/approved by the Public Works Integrating Committee of Hamilton County in accordance with state law.

SORTA issued a general call for projects from the jurisdictions within and including Hamilton County. Projects submitted under this request have been reviewed and scored based upon the project scoring methodology approved by the SORTA Board for this program year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Round 4 total award amount is \$33,912,888, which includes \$14,500,000 for the Western Hills Viaduct project.

PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

SORTA received 39 proposals from twenty-five (25) different municipalities in Hamilton County.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Approval of a resolution approving the contracts for the approved 2024 Transit Infrastructure Fund projects and authorizing the CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to sign these contracts.



INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE, AND ROW

Committee Meeting: August 20, 2024

Transit Infrastructure Fund Update

■ Timeline of Fund Program

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- ✓ • **Jun–Jul 2024:** Projects review and scoring
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- **Aug 27, 2024:** SORTA Board confirms recommendations
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- **QTR 4, 2024:** Transit Authority enters into agreements with the Awardees
- **QTR 1, 2024:** Funds are made available to Awardees

Transit Infrastructure Fund Update

- Received 39 proposals
- From 25 different municipalities
- 8 municipalities submitted 2 or more proposals

■ City of Cheviot	■ City of Cincinnati	■ City of Forest Park	■ City of Harrison	■ City of Madeira
■ City of Mt. Healthy	■ City of Norwood	■ City of Reading	■ City of Sharonville	■ City of Springdale
■ City of Wyoming	■ Colerain Township	■ Hamilton County	■ Springfield Township	■ Sycamore Township
■ Symmes Township	■ Village of Addyston	■ Village of Glendale	■ Village of Greenhills	■ Village of Lincoln Heights
■ Village of Lockland	■ Village of Mariemont	■ Village of Silverton	■ Village of St. Bernard	■ Village of Woodlawn

Received 39 Proposals

Cincinnati - 5x

Norwood – 2x

Hamilton Co – 3x

Springfield Twp – 2x

Sycamore Twp – 2x

Glendale – 2x

Mariemont – 2x

Silverton – 2x

Municipality	Project Name	Project Type	Total Cost	Funding Request
City of Cheviot	Bridgetown Road & Nolan Avenue Improvements	Road	\$570,304.00	\$285,152.00
City of Cincinnati	Victory Parkway Safety Improvements	Bridge/Tunnels	\$12,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
City of Cincinnati	Central Parkway Bikeway Ph. 3	Road	\$4,200,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
City of Cincinnati	Ridge Avenue Rehabilitation	Road	\$5,900,000.00	\$4,500,000.00
City of Cincinnati	2nd & 3rd Street Crosswalks	Road	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,700,000.00
City of Cincinnati	Streetcar Trench Drain Improvements	Road	\$624,800.00	\$562,320.00
City of Forest Park	Bus Route Sidewalk Improvements	Sidewalks	\$754,600.00	\$565,950.00
City of Harrison	Dry Fork Corridor Improvements	Bridge/Tunnels	\$10,100,000.00	\$4,242,000.00
City of Madeira	Dawson Road Promenade	Sidewalks	\$1,394,000.00	\$546,237.00
City of Mt. Healthy	Sewerd Ave Rehabilitation	Road	\$884,000.00	\$707,200.00
City of Norwood	Montgomery Road North Improvements	Road	\$1,473,000.00	\$736,500.00
City of Norwood	Wayland Avenue Reconstruction	Road	\$1,002,000.00	\$701,400.00
City of Reading	Elizabeth, Anna, & Roth Rehabilitation	Road	\$324,000.00	\$194,400.00
City of Sharonville	Cornell Road Improvements	Road	\$1,304,333.00	\$913,033.00
City of Springdale	E. Kemper Road Improvements, Phase I	Road	\$2,481,940.00	\$2,232,000.00
City of Wyoming	Wyoming Avenue Improvements	Road	\$543,000.00	\$271,500.00
Colerain Township	HAM CR 96 5.25 Springdale Road Sidewalk	Sidewalks	\$1,027,795.00	\$513,897.00
Hamilton County	North Bend, West Seymour & Caldwell	Road	\$4,235,000.00	\$3,811,500.00
Hamilton County	Delhi Pike & Bender Road	Road	\$4,103,000.00	\$3,692,700.00
Hamilton County	Salem Road	Road	\$1,793,000.00	\$1,613,700.00
Springfield Township	Kirkland, Burgundy & Colete Improvements	Road	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,170,000.00
Springfield Township	Springdew Drive and Butterfly Court Improvements	Road	\$900,000.00	\$810,000.00
Springfield Township	Seven Hills Improvements	Road	\$1,610,000.00	\$1,449,000.00
Sycamore Township	Sycamore Township North Connectivity Project	Sidewalks	\$6,827,193.00	\$5,461,754.00
Sycamore Township	Marieview Court and Frane Lane Project	Road	\$1,860,336.00	\$930,168.00
Symmes Township	Montgomery Road Sidewalk	Sidewalks	\$1,095,367.00	\$766,756.00
Village of Addyston	Church Street Extension & Dining Lane Improvements	Road	\$1,029,122.00	\$729,122.00
Village of Glendale	Congress at Coral/Washington Intersection Improveme	Road	\$450,000.00	\$360,000.00
Village of Glendale	Congress Avenue at Sharon Road Intersection Improv	Road	\$500,000.00	\$450,000.00
Village of Greenhills	Damon, Cromwell, & Springdale Roads	Road	\$695,000.00	\$556,000.00
Village of Lincoln Heights	Van Buren Street Improvements	Road	\$650,000.00	\$585,000.00
Village of Lockland	Cooper, Westview, Bacon Improvements	Road	\$514,000.00	\$411,200.00
Village of Mariemont	Miami and Remold intersection Improvements	Road	\$727,150.00	\$654,435.00
Village of Mariemont	West Street Rehabilitation	Road	\$260,000.00	\$234,000.00
Village of Mariemont	Pleasant Street Rehabilitation	Road	\$330,000.00	\$297,000.00
Village of Silverton	Superior Avenue Reconstruction	Road	\$617,000.00	\$555,300.00
Village of Silverton	Siebern Avenue Improvements	Road	\$702,000.00	\$631,800.00
Village of St. Bernard	Tower & Washington Ave Improvements	Road	\$1,757,000.00	\$1,405,600.00
Village of Woodlawn	Wayne Avenue Sidewalk	Sidewalks	\$499,599.00	\$374,699.00
			Total \$	\$ 80,038,539.00
				\$ 55,121,323.00

Recommended Awards Round 4

Municipality	Project Name	Project Type	Total Cost	Funding Requested	Weighted Score
City of Cincinnati	Victory Parkway Safety Improvements	Bridge/Tunnels	\$12,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	6.47
City of Norwood	Montgomery Road North Improvements	Road	\$1,473,000.00	\$736,500.00	6.35
City of Cincinnati	Central Parkway Bikeway Ph. 3	Road	\$4,200,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	6.26
City of Cheviot	Bridgetown Road & Nolan Avenue Improvements	Road	\$570,304.00	\$285,152.00	6.18
City of Cincinnati	Ridge Avenue Rehabilitation	Road	\$5,900,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	5.94
City of Springdale	E. Kemper Road Improvements, Phase I	Road	\$2,481,940.00	\$2,232,000.00	5.90
Symmes Township	Montgomery Road Sidewalk	Sidewalks	\$1,095,367.00	\$766,756.00	5.68
City of Sharonville	Cornell Road Improvements	Road	\$1,304,333.00	\$913,033.00	5.65
Sycamore Township	Sycamore Township North Connectivity Project	Sidewalks	\$6,827,193.00	\$5,461,754.00	5.39
Village of Woodlawn	Wayne Avenue Sidewalk	Sidewalks	\$499,599.00	\$374,699.00	5.28
City of Cincinnati	2nd & 3rd Street Crosswalks	Road	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,700,000.00	5.26
Village of Addyston	Church Street Extension & Dining Lane Improvements	Road	\$1,029,122.00	\$729,122.00	4.95
Hamilton County	North Bend, West Seymour & Caldwell	Road	\$4,235,000.00	\$3,811,500.00	4.80
Colerain Township	HAM CR 96 5.25 Springdale Road Sidewalk	Sidewalks	\$1,027,795.00	\$513,897.00	4.78
City of Cincinnati	Streetcar Trench Drain Improvements	Road	\$624,800.00	\$562,320.00	4.77
Hamilton County	Delhi Pike & Bender Road	Road	\$4,103,000.00	\$3,692,700.00	4.77
City of Harrison	Dry Fork Corridor Improvements	Bridge/Tunnels	\$10,100,000.00	\$4,242,000.00	4.68
Village of St. Bernard	Tower & Washington Ave Improvements	Road	\$1,757,000.00	\$1,405,600.00	4.51
Hamilton County	Salem Road	Road	\$1,793,000.00	\$1,613,700.00	4.45
Village of Mariemont	Miami and Remold intersection Improvements	Road	\$727,150.00	\$654,435.00	4.36
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Village of Lockland	Cooper, Westview, Bacon Improvements	Road	\$514,000.00	\$411,200.00	4.21
Village of Lincoln Heights	Van Buren Street Improvements	Road	\$650,000.00	\$585,000.00	4.15
Springfield Township	Kirkland, Burgundy & Colete Improvements	Road	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,170,000.00	4.15
City of Mt. Healthy	Sewerd Ave Rehabilitation	Road	\$884,000.00	\$707,200.00	4.08
Springfield Township	Springdew Drive and Butterfly Court Improvements	Road	\$900,000.00	\$810,000.00	4.05
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Springfield Township	Seven Hills Improvements	Road	\$1,610,000.00	\$1,449,000.00	3.87
City of Forest Park	Bus Route Sidewalk Improvements	Sidewalks	\$754,600.00	\$565,950.00	3.81
Village of Glendale	Congress at Coral/Washington Intersection Improvements	Road	\$450,000.00	\$360,000.00	3.79
Village of Greenhills	Damon, Cromwell, & Springdale Roads	Road	\$695,000.00	\$556,000.00	3.66
Village of Silverton	Siebern Avenue Improvements	Road	\$702,000.00	\$631,800.00	3.56
Village of Glendale	Congress Avenue at Sharon Road Intersection Improvements	Road	\$500,000.00	\$450,000.00	3.53
City of Wyoming	Wyoming Avenue Improvements	Road	\$543,000.00	\$271,500.00	3.46
Village of Mariemont	West Street Rehabilitation	Road	\$260,000.00	\$234,000.00	3.16
Village of Mariemont	Pleasant Street Rehabilitation	Road	\$330,000.00	\$297,000.00	3.01
Total			\$80,038,539.00	\$52,121,323.00	





Action Needed

- Staff request your approval to move these award recommendations to the Integrating Committee
- Total awards for Year 4 are \$19,412,888 in addition to the committed \$14.5 million for Western Hills Viaduct.

Next Steps

■ Timeline of Fund Program

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