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June 9, 2021

The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator  
503 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brown,

As you consider requests for community projects for the Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Congressional Directed Spending requests, I am writing in support of the Superior Avenue Midway Cycle Track (Public Square to East 55<sup>th</sup> Street) and the Lorain Avenue Rehabilitation and Bicycle Facilities (West 65<sup>th</sup>-to-West 20<sup>th</sup>) Projects.

Both Superior and Lorain Avenues are critical large streets in the City of Cleveland and will undergo major redevelopment that will allow both streets to accommodate bicyclists, transit and motorists; as well as, help calm traffic and reduce accidents. The newly installed bicycle facilities, coupled with the new bus stop locations and routes will provide multi-modal connections, the narrower pavement, and the elimination of travel lanes (on Lorain) will promote lower travel speeds, improve traffic flow and decrease vehicle-on-vehicle collision rates.

Lastly, the Superior Midway Cycle Track Plan will create a continuous 10'-wide sidewalk-level cycle track within a 30'-wide median on Superior Avenue between Public Square and East 55<sup>th</sup> Street.

In addition, please know that the City of Cleveland supports several community projects that includes:

- The Cleveland Foundation and Midtown Cleveland's E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street Project
- The Village of Highland Hills request to reconstruct Mill Creek Blvd, which services the former City of Cleveland's Workhouse property and private developments that share income taxes as a part of our Joint Economic Development Agreement; and

- The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's Projects within the City of Cleveland.

If you have any questions regarding the request on behalf of the City of Cleveland, or if you require additional information, please contact Valarie J. McCall, Chief of Communications, Government and International Affairs at 216.664.3544 (o), 216.857.7360 (c) or [vmccall@clevelandohio.gov](mailto:vmccall@clevelandohio.gov).

Sincerely,

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As the Director of the City of Cleveland's Department of City Planning, I am writing on behalf of the Planning Commission and staff in support of the Superior Avenue Midway Cycle Track (Public Square to East 55<sup>th</sup> Street) and the Lorain Avenue Rehabilitation and Bicycle Facilities (West 65<sup>th</sup>-to-West 20<sup>th</sup>) Projects.

These projects are vital to the City of Cleveland and our neighborhoods. Multi-modal Transportation has been a priority for the Administration of Mayor Frank G. Jackson given the various trail projects that have been implemented by the City of Cleveland and our partners.

The Superior Midway is a two-way separated, sidewalk-level bicycle facility in the center of Superior Ave between Public Square and E. 55<sup>th</sup> Street. This connection is vital for connecting east side residents to public square in a safe protected environment.

The Lorain Ave Cycle track will connect from W. 20<sup>th</sup> St. (linking to the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge multipurpose facility into Downtown) to W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street. A virtual public meeting/comment period will be held in May to finalize public comment on desired configuration and determine project budget and direction of detailed design. This connection will connect thriving west-side neighborhoods to the Central Business District. These projects will facilitate making protected bike infrastructure more seamless by connecting both east and west providing residents and visitors with multi-modal transportation options.

additionally, COVID 19 has created conditions that have impacted how people move from various destinations around the community. These changes in transportation choice include the increased use of shared mobility devices, an increased use of our parks and trail networks, and the utilization of streets for dining and other



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purposes. Local communities were already moving in the direction of reinvestment in infrastructure to enhance mode choice pre-COVID. The pandemic has acted as an accelerant for alternative uses of the right of way and multi-modal transportation. We appreciate your consideration for the transformative projects we are proposing.

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