

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262360, “Wasson Way Phase 7 PID 114602 COTF Grant,” to provide resources to assist with the construction of Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Shared Use Path; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262360, “Wasson Way Phase 7 PID 114602 COTF Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262360, “Wasson Way Phase 7 PID 114602 COTF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to assist with the construction of Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Shared Use Path project, including but not limited to entering into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the ODNR grant resources.

WHEREAS, the Wasson Way Shared Use Path is for bicycle and pedestrian use; and

WHEREAS, Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Shared Use Path will connect the current western end of the path at Blair Court to the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2022, Council passed Ordinance No. 119-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant of up to \$500,000 awarded through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”); and

WHEREAS, ODNR has awarded the City a grant of up to \$500,000 to assist with the construction of Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Shared Use Path, however no funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching resources of up to \$166,667, which will be provided from capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x232371, “Wasson Way Trail”; 980x232x242371, “Wasson Way”; 980x232x252371, “Wasson Way Trail”; 980x232x262358, “Wasson Way Trail Phase 7 – TIF”; and other anticipated eligible grant resources; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, construction of Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Shared Use Path is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262360, “Wasson Way Phase 7 PID 114602 COTF Grant,” to provide resources to assist with the construction of Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Shared Use Path.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant of up to \$500,000 awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262360, “Wasson Way Phase 7 PID 114602 COTF Grant.”

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262360, “Wasson Way Phase 7 PID 114602 COTF Grant.”

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to assist with the construction of Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Shared Use Path, including but not limited to entering into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the ODNR grant resources.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk