

Date: May 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Appropriating Real Property – Wasson Way Phase 7

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROPRIATING to public use certain real property interests required to construct, establish, reconstruct, improve, maintain, repair, and preserve a shared use path along Reading Road, Whittier Street, Fredonia Avenue, and through to Blair Court, commonly known as Wasson Way Phase 7.

The property appropriations allow for the construction of the Wasson Way Trail Phase 7 PID 114602, as has been reviewed and approved by ODOT, a Shared Use Path between MLK and Blair Court. Project has been funded by Council via Ordinance No 87-2022, and utilizes capital improvement program project accounts, well as funds donated by Tri-State Trails via Ordinance 84-2026.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pursue appropriation so that the City may commence the next phase of the Wasson Way Trail, Phase 7, between MLK and Blair Court, in accordance with the schedules set forth in the latest project schedule and in accordance with the funding agreement between the City and the State of Ohio.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

cc: Greg Long, Interim Director, Transportation and Engineering