

August 4, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202501570

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant for Little Miami Scenic Trail Extension**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant,” to provide resources for the extension of the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Transportation Alternatives grant (ALN 20.205) of up to \$717,000 from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit OKI grant resources of up to \$717,000 into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to complete the extension of the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood including but not limited to entering into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the OKI grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. Establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant,” to provide resources for the extension of the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood;
2. The City Manager to accept and appropriate a Transportation Alternatives grant of up to \$717,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262316, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 Grant”; and
3. The Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account.

On June 23, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0165-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a Transportation Alternatives grant of up to \$1,000,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”).

OKI subsequently awarded the City up to \$717,000 for the extension of the existing shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood.

Acceptance of the OKI grant requires matching resources of up to \$179,250, which will be provided from capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262363, "Little Miami Scenic Trail – Elstun to Ranchvale," and other anticipated eligible grant resources. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the OKI grant.

Extending the existing Little Miami Scenic Trail shared-use path along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood 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).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the OKI grant resources and meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

