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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2021

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372, “Wasson Way Trail – COTF,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund program as awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372, “Wasson Way Trail – COTF,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

WHEREAS, the planned Wasson Way Trail is a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians extending from the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Reading Road in Avondale eastward through the City of Norwood, the Cincinnati neighborhoods of Evanston, Hyde Park, Oakley, and Mount Lookout, through the Village of Fairfax, and ending east of Wooster Road near its intersection with Red Bank Road in Columbia Township; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved Ordinance No. 0042-2020 on February 20, 2020, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$500,000 from Ohio Department of Natural Resources through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund program for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2021, the Department of Transportation and Engineering was awarded grant resources for eligible costs for Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project in the neighborhoods of Oakley, Mount Lookout, and Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, the grant resources would be used to fund the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project in the neighborhoods of Oakley, Mount Lookout, and Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching funds of up to approximately \$166,667, which will be made available from existing “Wasson Way Trail” capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x202371 and 980x232x212371; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Wasson Way Trail is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the strategies to “Expand options for non-automotive travel,” and “Plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372, "Wasson Way Trail – COTF," is hereby established for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund program as awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372, "Wasson Way Trail – COTF," for the purpose of providing resources for Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Section 4. 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 3 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant resources to meet the project timelines and provide resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk