

May 28, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Wasson Way Phase 7 Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

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.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of 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.
2. The City Manager to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).
3. 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”.

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.

ODNR awarded the City with 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 the City Council.

The Clean Ohio Trails Fund 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. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

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).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment