

December 14, 2020

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *CB fa PBM 202002202*

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Wasson Way Trail Reprogramming

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Capital Funds 858 and 870 the sum of \$600,000.00 from various General Capital Budget capital improvement program project accounts for the purpose of decreasing certain existing capital improvement program project accounts, according to Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$600,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of Capital Funds 858 and 870 to an existing capital improvement program project account for the purpose of providing resources for a certain capital improvement program project account, according to Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer.

The planned Wasson Way Trail is a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians extending from near the intersection of Montgomery Road and Dana Avenue in Evanston eastward through the City of Norwood, the Cincinnati neighborhoods of Evanston, Hyde Park, Oakley, and Mount Lookout, and the Village of Fairfax, and ending east of Wooster Road near its intersection with Red Bank Road in Columbia Township.

Grant resources have become available for the Wasson Way Trail sooner than previously anticipated. In order to meet adjustments to the design and construction timeline, additional City resources are needed in FY 2021 for labor, materials, and technology necessary to plan, design, acquire right-of-way, build, and inspect the planned Wasson Way Trail and related improvements of the project.

Section A of the attached Schedule of Transfer authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$600,000 from two existing capital improvement program project accounts. The Western Hills Viaduct scope of work is underway and the Street Improvement Bond Fund balance in the FY 2018 capital improvement program project account will not be needed until after the conclusion of FY 2021. The Street Rehabilitation scope of work is underway and the majority of the Street Improvement Bond Fund balance remaining in the FY 2021 capital improvement program project account will not be needed until after the conclusion of FY 2021, which ends on June 30, 2021.

The Wasson Way Trail is an eligible use of Street Improvement Bond Funds. Section B of the attached Schedule of Transfer authorizes the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of various Street Improvement Bond Funds to a Wasson Way Trail capital improvement program project account for the purpose of providing resources for the Wasson Way Trail.

Resources returned to source at this time from the existing Western Hills Viaduct and Street Rehabilitation capital improvement program project accounts are intended to be fully restored to the respective capital improvement program project accounts within the FY 2022 General Capital Budget, which begins on July 1, 2021.

The Wasson Way Trail project 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 to “plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure that the necessary funding is in place to meet adjustments to the design and construction timeline for the Wasson Way Trail.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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Attachment

