

**January 28, 2026**

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202600215

**Subject:** **Ordinance – DOTE: Little Miami Scenic Trail Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF,” to provide resources to extend 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 Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant of up to \$412,500 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF”; 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 ODNR grant resources.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262347, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF,” to provide resources to extend 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 Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant of up to \$412,500 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. 980x233x262347, “Little Miami Scenic Trail PID 115291 COTF”.

The Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant requires matching resources of up to \$137,500, 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 this 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

