

March 22, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300890

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Additional STBG Resources for Wasson Way Trail Phase 6A**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional Surface Transportation Block Grant (“STBG”) (ALN 20.205) resources awarded from an existing Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (“OKI”) Regional Council of Governments grant in an amount up to \$1,199,998 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222355, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2022,” for the purpose of providing additional resources to complete the Wasson Way Phase 6A project (PID 112894); and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant awards.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) (ALN 20.205) resources from an existing Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments grant in an amount up to \$1,199,998 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222355, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2022,” for the purpose of providing additional resources to complete the Wasson Way Phase 6A project (PID 112894). This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant awards.

Due to increased estimated constructions costs associated with the Wasson Way Phase 6A project, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) must redistribute existing capital grant resources allocated for Wasson Way Phases 3, 4, and 5 and accept an administrative increase to a previously approved grant award.

The STBG grant requires matching resources of up to \$955,864, which will be provided from existing Wasson Way capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x212371, 980x232x222371, and 980x232x232371, as well as Bicycle Transportation Program capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222357. No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

The Wasson Way Trail project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as with strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel”

and to “[p]lan, 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 provide resources to complete the Wasson Way Phase 6A project.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment