

Date: June 11, 2025

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION (EMERGENCY) - DECLARING INTENT TO  
APPROPRIATE WASSON WAY PHASE 7

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Attached is an emergency legislative resolution captioned as follows:

**DECLARING** the intent to appropriate to public use certain real property interests required to construct, establish, reconstruct, improve, maintain, repair, and preserve a shared use path along Reading Road, Whittier Street, Fredonia Avenue, and thru to Blair Court, commonly known as Wasson Way Phase 7.

The project will create the westernmost end of the Wasson Way corridor, connecting Blair Court to the intersection of Reading and MLK, as reviewed and approved by ODOT. This project has been funded by City Council via Ordinance 87-2022 and utilizes City capital funds previously allocated by City Council. This phase of project has been in development since 2019.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pursue appropriation so that the City may commence the next phase of the Wasson Way project, Phase 7, in accordance with the schedules set forth in the project funding agreement between the City and the State of Ohio. That will allow for the completion of a safe, dependable and uninterrupted transportation facility for non-vehicular traffic connecting 7 neighborhoods of Avondale, Walnut Hills, Evanston, Oakley, Hyde Park, Mt. Lookout, Madisonville, as well as the Cities of Cincinnati, Norwood, and Fairfax.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency legislative resolution.

Attachment I – Wasson Phase 7 Legal Descriptions  
Attachment II - Wasson Phase 7 Plats

cc: Greg Long, Interim Director, Transportation and Engineering