

December 14, 2020

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *CB for PBM 2020022061*
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Wasson Way Trail Grants, Phases 4 & 5

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212373, “Wasson Way Trail Grants,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for the Wasson Way Trail project, which includes the construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along a segment of an unused rail line running east-west through a number of eastside Cincinnati neighborhoods; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,475,670 from the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Transportation Alternatives programs (CFDA 20.205) awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212373, “Wasson Way Trail Grants,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project (PID 112893); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete Phase 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project (PID 112893); and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will allow the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$3,475,670 from the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Transportation Alternatives programs (CFDA 20.205) awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments for the purpose of providing grant resources for Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project (PID 112893). This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project.

On May 30, 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0165-2019, which authorized the application for these grant resources. These grants require matching funds of up to \$1,158,557, which are anticipated to be available in existing “Wasson Way” capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x202371 and 980x232x212371. No new FTEs are associated with these grant resources.

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 “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 meet adjusted project timelines and provide resources for the construction of Phase 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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