

April 15, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Red Bank Road COTF Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant,” to support construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the City to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (“COTF”) grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to cooperate with the Director of the ODNR to enter into agreements and take all actions necessary to receive and administer the grant and complete the project.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant,” to support construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood.
2. The City Manager to accept and appropriate a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant of up to \$500,000 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. 980x232x262397, “Red Bank Rd PID 86461 COTF Grant”.

On April 12, 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0120-2023 authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (“COTF”) grant of up to \$500,000 awarded through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. On December 21, 2024, ODNR awarded the City a grant of up to \$500,000 to fund construction of the Red Bank Road shared-use path along the west side of Red Bank Road from Hetzel Street to Duck Creek Road in the Madisonville neighborhood.

The City of Cincinnati will be responsible for maintaining the shared-use path in a safe and functional condition throughout its life, including vegetation control, trash removal, routine inspections, minor signage and markings maintenance, pavement upkeep and spot repairs, drainage corrections, and snow and ice control.

The Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant requires matching resources of up to \$166,667, which will be covered by capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x252310, "Red Bank Rd Shared Use Path," future capital budget accounts, or other eligible grant resources. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Constructing the Red Bank Road shared-use path 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

