

March 17, 2021

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

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *CB for PBM* 202101066

**Subject:** Ordinance – Wasson Way Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) Grant Application

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant program to be awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6a of the Wasson Way Trail project.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6a of the Wasson Way Trail project, a shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians extending from near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Reading Road in Avondale eastward through the City of Norwood, the Cincinnati neighborhoods of Evanston, Hyde Park, Oakley, and Mount Lookout, through the Village of Fairfax, and ending east of Wooster Road near its intersection with Red Bank Road in Columbia Township.

Local matching resources of approximately \$166,667 will be made available in future Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE) capital improvement program resources.

DOTE will have already applied for this grant due to the application deadline of March 15, 2021. However, DOTE will not accept grant funding without Council approval.

Construction of the Wasson Way Trail 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

