

April 8, 2026

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

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**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: ODOT HSIP Systemic Safety Grant for Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262327, “Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2 PID 124594,” to provide resources for improving pedestrian safety along Duck Creek Road from Crane Avenue to Dana Avenue, located on the boundary of the Evanston and Hyde Park neighborhoods; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$609,300 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) Highway Safety Improvement Program (ALN 20.272) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262327, “Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2 PID 124594”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262327, “Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2 PID 124594”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT to complete the Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2 (PID 124594) project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2 (PID 124594) project.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262327, “Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2 PID 124594,” to provide resources for improving pedestrian safety along Duck Creek Road from Crane Avenue to Dana Avenue, located on the boundary of the Evanston and Hyde Park neighborhoods.
2. The City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$609,300 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).
3. The Director of Finance to deposit resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x262327, “Duck Creek Sidewalk Phase 2 PID 124594”.

On March 12, 2025, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 52-2025, which authorized the City Manager to apply for funding from multiple HSIP grants

awarded by ODOT, with any awarded funds to be used to ensure the timely completion of various high-priority safety projects identified by the Department of Transportation and Engineering. ODOT has awarded the City funding of up to \$609,300 to improve pedestrian safety along Duck Creek Road from Crane Avenue to Dana Avenue, located on the boundary of the Evanston and Hyde Park neighborhoods, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

This grant requires matching resources of up to \$67,700, which will be provided from various existing capital improvement program project accounts. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Implementing pedestrian safety measures is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 127-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

