

November 13, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202501971

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Ohio River Trail Oasis ODOT Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262325, “Ohio River Trail Oasis ODOT Grant PID 122971,” to provide resources for the acquisition of rights-of-way for a 4.5-mile-long bike and pedestrian improvement project connecting Sawyer Point in the west and Carrel Street in the east, following the northern railroad track; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate an Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) Pedestrian & Bicycle Special Solicitation grant of up to \$5,000,000 awarded through the ODOT Pedestrian & Bicycle Special Solicitation Grant Program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262325, “Ohio River Trail Oasis ODOT Grant PID 122971”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262325, “Ohio River Trail Oasis ODOT Grant PID 122971”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary and proper, including executing necessary agreements, to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete this project.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate an ODOT grant of up to \$5,000,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262325, “Ohio River Trail Oasis ODOT Grant PID 122971,” to provide resources for the acquisition of rights-of-way for a 4.5-mile-long bike and pedestrian improvement project connecting Sawyer Point in the west and Carrel Street in the east, following the northern railroad track.

This grant requires matching resources of up to \$1,270,000, which will be provided from resources available through the City’s Trail Development Coordination Agreement with the Southwestern Ohio Regional Transportation Authority (SORTA), if grant resources are awarded. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Acquiring rights-of-way to enable construction of the Oasis segment of the Ohio River Trail 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 129-133 and 135-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

