

May 4, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202201126  
**From:** John P. Curp, Interim City Manager  
**Subject:** Ordinance – DOTE: Clean Ohio Trails Fund Grant Application

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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 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF), awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project. The Wasson Way Trail is 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. No new FTEs are required.

DOTE already applied for this grant due to the application deadline of April 15, 2022. However, DOTE will not accept grant funding without City Council approval.

Construction of the Wasson Way 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 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment