

EMERGENCY

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- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$2,185,000 from Tri-State Trails to assist the City in expediting the progress on several trail projects; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into City Trails Fund revenue account no. 437x8571.

WHEREAS, the City is managing the planning, design, right of way acquisition, and construction of several trail projects that improve bicycle and pedestrian access across Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, the City successfully applied for and was awarded state and federal grants totaling over \$22,000,000 for trail construction; and

WHEREAS, Tri-State Trails has generously offered a donation of up to \$2,185,000 to assist the City in expediting the progress of several trail projects; and

WHEREAS, after construction of the trails is completed, the City is responsible for keeping the trails safe, accessible, functional, and in good repair throughout their useful life, with future operating costs to include vegetation control, trash removal and general upkeep, routine inspections, minor signage and markings maintenance, preventive pavement maintenance with spot repairs, and drainage corrections, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, a list of donors who contributed to this donation is attached; and

WHEREAS, this donation does not require matching funds, and there are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, developing trail projects is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$2,185,000 from Tri-State Trails to assist the City in expediting the progress on several trail projects.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the donated funds into City Trails Fund revenue account no. 437x8571.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the donation and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation and enter into any necessary agreements prior to May 1, 2026.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk