

February 2, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200190

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – DOTE: Wasson Way Phase 6A Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

Establishing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222355, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2022,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for the Wasson Way Trail project, which includes the construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along a segment of an unused rail line running east-west through a number of eastside Cincinnati neighborhoods; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$1,667,595 from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (ALN 20.205) awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222355, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2022,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project (PID 112894); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project (PID 112894); and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

This Ordinance establishes capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222355, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2022,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for the Wasson Way Trail project, which includes the construction of a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along a segment of unused rail line running east-west through a number of eastside Cincinnati neighborhoods. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$1,667,595 from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (ALN 20.205) awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to new capital project account no. 980x232x222355, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2022,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project (PID 112894). This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project. Finally, this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On May 30, 2019, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0165-2019, which authorized the City Manager to apply for Federal Surface Transportation program grants and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality grants awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments. The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) was awarded grant resources for eligible costs for Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project in the neighborhoods of Evanston and Avondale.

The Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant requires matching resources of up to \$555,865, which will be provided through a combination of future allocations in the FY 2023 Capital Budget, as well as resources currently available in “Wasson Way Trail” capital project account nos. 980x232x202371, 980x232x212371, and 980x232x222371. No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

The Wasson Way Trail project 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