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To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202201575
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
Subject: WEST SIDE BIKE TRAIL

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The Council at its session on June 8, 2022 referred the following item for review and report.

MOTION, dated 5/31/2022, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, WE MOVE that the Administration study and provide a report on bike trail infrastructure measures linking the West Side to Downtown, including along State Avenue and West Eighth Street in Lower Price Hill. It should also consider what elements can provide foundations for the future Dunham to Lick Run bike trail in the interim and long-term.

The following report by the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) details current bike infrastructure efforts to link the West Side to Downtown.

DOTE is currently working on 3 separate bike infrastructure connections from the West Side to Downtown.

DUNHAM CONNECTION and LICK RUN TRAIL

On April 13, 2022, Council approved an allocation of \$400,000 to DOTE for the development of bike trail infrastructure connecting the Lick Run, Rapid Run, and Dunham Recreation facilities. This funding will provide planning and design support for the connections with any remaining funds to be used for construction. DOTE will be using a consultant for the planning and design which is expected to take at least a year and will include community engagement. Construction funding will require outside grant funding which may include Transportation Alternatives (TA), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transit Infrastructure Grant (TIG), or Clean Ohio Trail Fund (COTF), to name a few with the local match coming from future City capital budget allocation. These connections would further extend eastward through the existing Lick Run to the future Western Hills Viaduct replacement that will include a shared use path component, thereby linking Lick Run bike facilities to Central Parkway and downtown.

WEST EIGHT STREET and LOWER PRICE HILL

On April 13, 2022, DOTE applied for a RAISE Grant from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which, if successful, would provide up to \$25,000,000 in Federal funding for the planning, design, and construction of improvements to drastically improve West 8th Street, Linn Street, and State Street. This work would include bike facilities on Linn from 6th street to Central Parkway in the West End, and on West 8th Street from State Street in Lower Price Hill to Downtown at Central Avenue. Grant award notices are expected in the Fall of 2022.

OHIO RIVER TRAIL WEST

Additionally, DOTE is continuing to develop the Ohio River Trail (ORT) on the west side of the City. A consultant is working on a feasibility study to evaluate all options to connect the existing trails at Fairbanks Avenue to the trail at State Street. Community engagement will be performed once the options

are developed. The feasibility will be complete in 2023. The construction of this connection will depend on the option recommended, it's cost and availability of funding.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering