

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget grant resources of up to \$140,000, to be distributed by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and as authorized by House Bill 2 for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant,” to provide resources for the removal of railroad tracks and ties and repaving a portion of the Ohio River Trail/Oasis Trail; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit State of Ohio Capital Budget grant funds into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

WHEREAS, Tri-State Trails submitted a grant application to the State of Ohio on behalf of the City to aid with the removal of railroad tracks and ties and repaving a portion of the Ohio River Trail/Oasis Trail known as the Cincinnati Riding Or Walking Network (“CROWN”); and

WHEREAS, the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio awarded \$140,000 to the project titled “CROWN Ohio River Trail Safety Improvements,” which is a reimbursement-based grant award; and

WHEREAS, Tri-State Trails requested that the City execute the contract for implementation, and Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant; however, the State of Ohio may retain two percent for grant administration, leaving \$137,200 available to the City for project implementation; and

WHEREAS, repaving and improving City trails is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategy to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” as well as the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 129-133 and 181-188 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant,” is authorized.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget grant resources of up to \$140,000, to be distributed by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and as authorized by House Bill 2 for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, "CROWN ORT Safety Grant," to provide resources for the removal of railroad tracks and ties and repaving a portion of the Ohio River Trail/Oasis Trail.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit State of Ohio Capital Budget grant funds of up to \$140,000 into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, "CROWN ORT Safety Grant."

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these funds.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out of the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk