

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Tri-State Trails 2026 Donation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$1,200,000 from Tri-State Trails for the fabrication and installation of donor-recognition and wayfinding signs along the Cincinnati Riding or Walking Network (CROWN) loop trail; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into City Trails Fund revenue account no. 437x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$1,200,000 from Tri-State Trails for the fabrication and installation of donor-recognition and wayfinding signs along the Cincinnati Riding or Walking Network (CROWN) loop trail. The Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the donation into City Trails Fund revenue account no. 437x8571.

The Cincinnati Riding or Walking Network (CROWN) is a planned 34-mile trail loop that will connect existing and planned trails and link Cincinnati communities to parks, schools, employment centers, retail, recreation, and entertainment.

Tri-State Trails has generously offered this donation of up to \$1,200,000 for the fabrication and installation of donor-recognition and wayfinding signs along the CROWN loop trail. After the signage is installed, Tri-State Trails will be responsible for keeping it in good repair throughout its useful life.

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).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation and complete the necessary steps so that the CROWN loop signage may be procured and installed before the end of 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

