city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

March 11, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202601051

Subject: **Ordinance – Parks: OKI Grant for Ohio River Trail (ORT) Sawyer Point & Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail Project**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

> **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262055, "ORT Sawyer Pt and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail – OKI Grant," to provide grant resources for safety improvements to the Ohio River Trail through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to $1,000,000 from the federal Transportation Alternatives (ALN 20.205) program, as awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262055, "ORT Sawyer Pt and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail – OKI Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262055, "ORT Sawyer Pt and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail – OKI Grant."

Approval of this Ordinance establishes capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x262055, "ORT Sawyer Pt and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail – OKI Grant," to provide grant resources for safety improvements to the Ohio River Trail (ORT) through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to $1,000,000 from the federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) (ALN 20.205) program, as awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), to the newly established capital improvement program project account. Finally, this Ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account.

The 0.75 mile section of the ORT spanning through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove has railroad tracks embedded in the pavement. Grant resources will help fund the replacement of this section of the ORT and implement safety improvements.

The grant requires a fifty percent local match, which will be provided from capital improvement program project account no. 712x203x262040, "Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail – COT MSI." There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Implementing safety improvements to the ORT through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove aligns with the "Sustain" goal to "[p]reserve our natural and built environment" and the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 193 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment