



EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 89

- 2026

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262348, "ORT Oasis Phase 1 CMAQ PID 122971," to provide resources for the Ohio River Trail Oasis Corridor; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant of up to \$8,800,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (ALN 20.205) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262348, "ORT Oasis Phase 1 CMAQ PID 122971" to provide resources for the Ohio River Trail Oasis Corridor; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds into the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262348, "ORT Oasis Phase 1 CMAQ PID 122971"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements and do all things necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

WHEREAS, a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality ("CMAQ") grant of up to \$8,800,000 is available from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments ("OKI") for projects that reduce transportation-related emissions and congestion; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2024, Great Parks of Hamilton County ("Great Parks") applied for the CMAQ grant as a co-Local Public Agency with the City to fund planning, construction, and right of way work for the Ohio River Trail Oasis Corridor, including a shared use path trail on the north side of the railroad corridor; and

WHEREAS, OKI notified the City that the project has been awarded \$8,000,000, with a possible future additional award of up to \$800,000, for a total of up to \$8,800,000, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has informed the recipients that the administration, construction management, and award of the grants are to be directed and receipted solely by the City; and

WHEREAS, the CMAQ grant requires matching resources of up to \$2,200,000, for which the City will seek additional grant awards; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Oasis trail, the City and Great Parks intend to enter into an agreement whereby Great Parks will take responsibility for operation and maintenance of the trail, but the City will be ultimately responsible for keeping the shared-used path safe, accessible, functional, and in good repair throughout its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the City cannot quantify the required additional future operating costs at this time, but maintenance and operation will include vegetation control, trash removal and general upkeep, routine inspections, minor signage and markings maintenance, preventive pavement maintenance with spot repairs, drainage corrections, and snow and ice control; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, building a shared-use path trail is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” and strategy to “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262348, “ORT Oasis Phase 1 CMAQ PID 122971,” to provide resources for the Ohio River Trail Oasis Corridor.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant of up to \$8,800,000 awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (ALN 20.205) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262348, “ORT Oasis Phase 1 CMAQ PID 122971,” to provide resources for the Ohio River Trail Oasis Corridor.

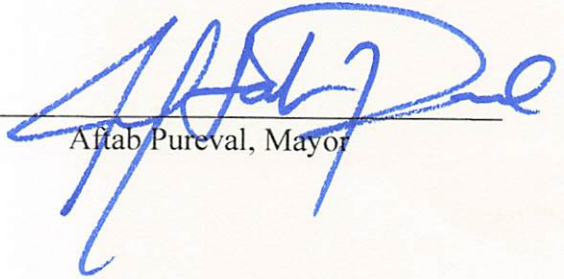
Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the funds into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262348, “ORT Oasis Phase 1 CMAQ PID 122971.”

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

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

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources and meet established project deadlines.

Passed: April 1, 2026


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 89-2026
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 4/14/2026


CLERK OF COUNCIL