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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Wasson Way Phases 4 & 5 – Accept and Appropriate Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372, “Wasson Way Trail – COTF,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund program as awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372 “Wasson Way Trail – COTF,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

This Emergency Ordinance establishes capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x212372, “Wasson Way Trail – COTF,” to provide grant resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) program as awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to the new “Wasson Way Trail – COTF” capital project. The City Manager will also be authorized to execute agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Local matching resources of approximately \$166,667 will be made available from existing “Wasson Way Trail” capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x202371 and 980x232x212371. No new FTEs are required.

Construction of the Wasson Way Trail is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the strategies to “Expand options for non-automotive travel,” and “Plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant resources to meet the project timelines and provide resources for the construction of Phases 4 and 5 of the Wasson Way Trail.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment