

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant program to be awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6a of the Wasson Way Trail project.

WHEREAS, the planned Wasson Way Trail is a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians extending from the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Reading Road in Avondale eastward through the City of Norwood, the Cincinnati neighborhoods of Evanston, Hyde Park, Oakley, and Mount Lookout, through the Village of Fairfax, and ending east of Wooster Road near its intersection with Red Bank Road in Columbia Township; and

WHEREAS, grant resources are available from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant program, in an amount up to \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the COTF grant would provide resources for Phase 6a of the Wasson Way Trail project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) has already applied for this grant as the application period ended on March 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DOTE will not accept grant funding without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires local matching resources in the amount of approximately \$166,667, which will be made available in future DOTE capital budget resources; and

WHEREAS, no additional FTEs are necessary for this grant; and

WHEREAS, the 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); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6a of the Wasson Way Trail project.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant application program and Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk