

March 15, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300835

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – DOTE: COTF Grant for Wasson Way Trail Phase 6A**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant 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. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant;” **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trail Fund (COTF) program awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On March 24, 2021, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0088-2021, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the COTF grant program in an amount up to \$500,000 for the construction of Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project. The City received the grant award, and City Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate the grant resources. The grant requires matching resources of up to approximately \$166,667, which will be made available from existing “Wasson Way Trail” capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x212371, 980x232x222371, and 980x232x232371. No new FTEs are required.

The Wasson Way Trail Network is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as with 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 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment