

Emergency Justification: An emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to receive this resolution of support as it is required to be submitted by September 30, 2016.

Benefits to the Public: Trails are a significant component of the city's health and wellness, diversity, social equity and conservation initiatives. Franklinton is considered one of the city's low opportunity communities to trails and pedestrian connectivity. One of the biggest barriers to the community is accessing the regional path network, and this project improves a major unsafe obstacle at Souder Avenue, and includes a new connector from Broad Street to over 126 miles of trails.

Community Input Issues: The following stakeholders have been involved in this expansion pilot project:

Columbus Departments: Recreation and Parks, Economic Development, Planning, Public Service, Health
Private developers (NRI, Kaufman, Casto, Ruscilli)
Franklinton Development Association
Franklinton Trade Association
Franklinton Civic Association
YAY Bikes
Experience Columbus
Mt. Carmel Hospital

Area(s) Affected:

Planning Area 16
East Franklinton
West Franklinton

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors; improving the environmental health of the city; and improving access to parks, employment centers, community centers, retail, and attractions.

Fiscal Impact: None. A future ordinance will address appropriation of matching funding.

To issue a resolution of support to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter a grant application to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) which will be used to build a trail bridge at Souder Avenue; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is currently accepting applications for funding; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution of Support from City Council, included in the grant applications, is required by the grantor in order for the application to be complete; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Department wishes to apply for a grant for the improvements to build a trail bridge at Souder Avenue; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to obtain approval to apply for said grant as it is required to be submitted by September 30, 2016; and **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized and directed to apply for a grant with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to build a trail bridge at Souder Avenue.

SECTION 2. That this resolution of support authorizes an application for the grant funds only, and is not a commitment to expend City funds.

SECTION 3. That future legislation will follow to authorize acceptance, appropriation and expenditure of funds.

SECTION 4. That the City of Columbus does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.