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This ordinance is to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to reauthorize two Recreation and Parks Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants with the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission (MORPC). The grant program requires that each participating agency provide consent legislation every two years to continue the commitment to complete each project.

Background: In 2015, the Department was awarded grant funding from MORPC for two federally funded trail projects:

1. Olentangy Trail---Antrim Park to Bethel Road (ODOT PID # 99828) - The project will widen the Olentangy Trail, from Antrim Park to Bethel Road and provide a new separated ramp and trail connection along Bethel Road to Anheuser Busch Park on Olentangy River Road.

2. Alum Creek Trail---East Columbus/Johnstown Road Connector (ODOT PID # 99743) - The project will construct an all-access path and on-street biking improvements from the Alum Creek Trail central section to Johnstown Road, Parkview Boulevard, Cassady Avenue, and Krum Park. Over 5,000 residents will be connected to the city's regional trail network.

The projects are in final design, and scheduled to begin construction in 2019. Separate legislation in 2016 authorized the Department to accept and appropriate the grants and to hire consultants to complete the engineering plans.

These grants are providing 80% of the construction funds, with CRPD's match being 20%. A final piece of legislation will be submitted in 2019 for the construction contract of each of the projects.

Principal Parties:
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CC Expiration Date: N/A

Benefits to the Public: These projects will improve access to trails and greenways corridors. These projects will also be providing new trails and access for under-resourced neighborhoods in the city.

Area(s) Affected: 5 - Northwest, 12 - Northeast

Master Plan Relation: These projects will improve access to trails and greenways corridors. These projects will also be providing new trails and access for under-resourced neighborhoods in the city.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to reauthorize two Recreation and Parks Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants with the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission (MORPC).

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to reauthorize two Recreation and Parks

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants with the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission (MORPC) as the grant program requires that each participating agency provide consent legislation every two years to continue the commitment to complete each project; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Department was awarded grant funding from MORPC for two federally funded trail projects, the Olentangy Trail---Antrim Park to Bethel Road (ODOT PID # 99828) and the Alum Creek Trail---East Columbus/Johnstown Road Connector (ODOT PID # 99743), allowing over 5,000 residents to be connected to the city's regional trail network; and

WHEREAS, the projects are in final design, and scheduled to begin construction in 2019. Separate legislation in 2016 authorized the Department to accept and appropriate the grants and to hire consultants to complete the engineering plans; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Recreation and Parks to authorize the Director to reauthorize two Recreation and Parks Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants with the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission (MORPC); **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department is hereby authorized to reauthorize two Recreation and Parks Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants with the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission (MORPC).

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowable by law.

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