

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
Division of Real Estate

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS FOR USE, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF
THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR TRAIL

Ordinance No: 1058-2021

Legislative Purpose: To authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into interagency agreements, leases, permits, cooperative agreements, and joint use agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation and other public agencies as needed for site control, use, operation, repair and maintenance of the Downtown Connector Trail as segments of this multi-purpose trail are completed.

Project Summary: The Downtown Connector Trail is an important link in Cleveland's urban trail network that will connect the Metroparks' Washington Reservation to East 9th Street and link the existing Morgana Run Trail in Slavic Village to downtown Cleveland.

Portions of this 3.12 mile trail have been constructed by the Ohio Department of Transportation when it has redesigned and reconstructed adjacent interstate highways and roadways. ODOT has been able to make these improvements using state and federal funds without financial contribution from the City in reliance on a third party agreeing to operate, repair, and maintain those portions of the Downtown Connector Trail that are constructed by ODOT.

In connection with the construction of Interstate 77, involving reconstruction of the Broadway Avenue (State Route 14) bridge over Interstate 77 together with associated ramps, ODOT worked in cooperation with the City of Cleveland to design and build a portion of the Downtown Connector Trail originating at Pershing Avenue and extending north to Broadway Avenue within limited access right of way of Interstate 77 and portions of City of Cleveland

local street rights of way made available for ODOT's project.

ODOT has completed a portion of the Downtown Connector Trail along Orange Avenue and intends to design and construct another portion of the trail between Interstate 480 and Pershing as part of a future ODOT project.

ODOT does not maintain personnel and equipment purposed for operation, management and maintenance of multi-use recreational paths therefore ODOT is seeking City to assume responsibilities for operation, management, maintenance and repair of the multi-use path improvement.

We are seeking authority to enter into interagency, cooperative and other agreements for existing portions of the trail and other sections of the Downtown Connector Trail as they are completed by ODOT or other agencies.

Project Phases:

Phase I of the proposed Downtown Connector Trail will extend the off-road Towpath Trail connection that ends at Fleet Avenue to the existing Morgana Run Trail (located approximately 1/2 mile north) and would continue 1/2 mile north to Pershing Avenue. The majority of the Phase I trail would be on the west side of I-77 and run parallel to the interstate. Sharrows will be added to the streets along the remaining proposed route (i.e. Pershing Avenue to Broadway, north to Orange Avenue) temporarily and remain in effect until the remainder of the Downtown Connector Trail is completed.

Phase 2 of the proposed Downtown Connector Trail would consist of connecting the trail at Pershing Avenue to Broadway and then off-road through land owned by Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), concluding at Commercial Street with a tie into the Campus District's East 22nd Street road improvements project.

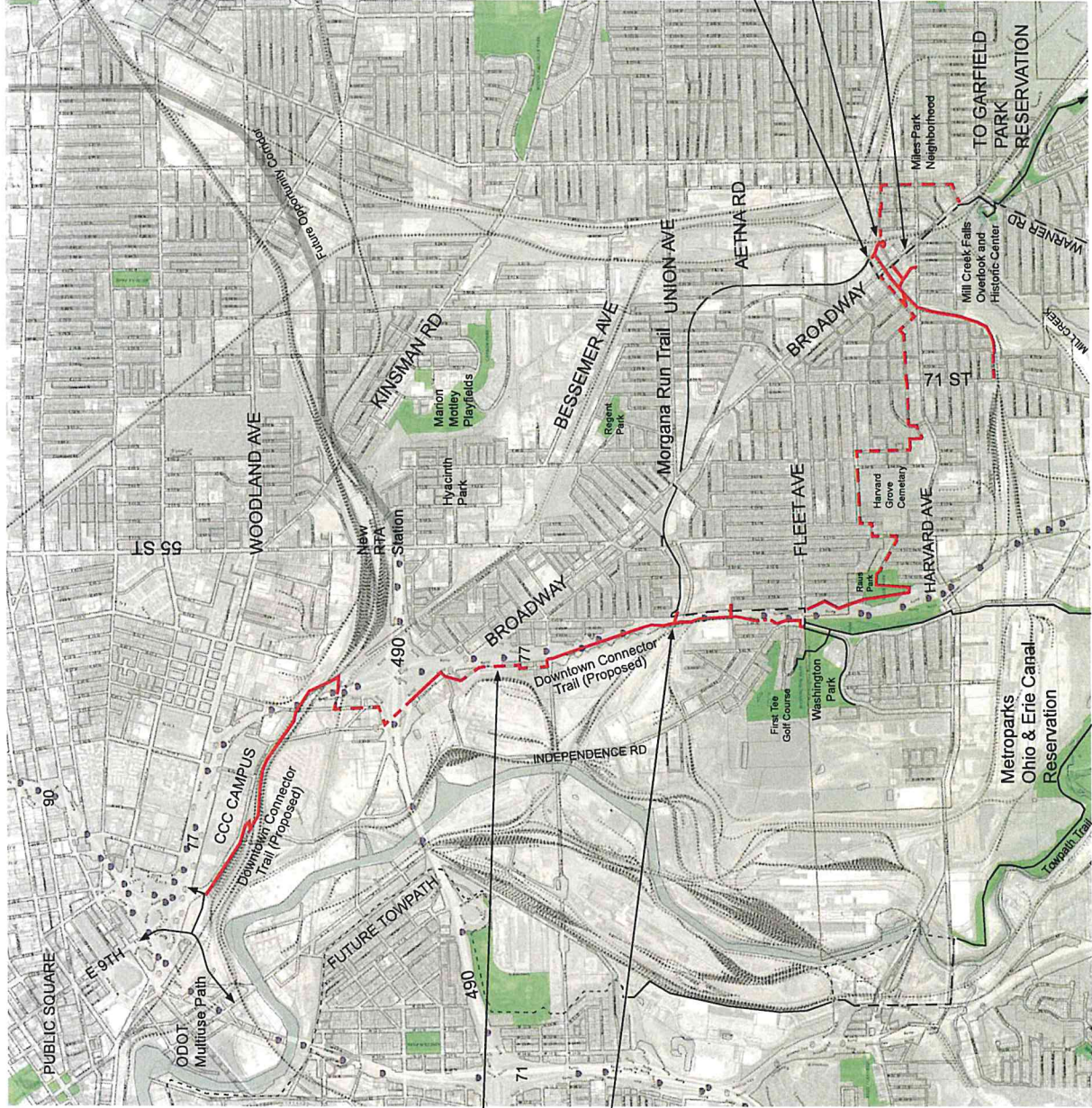
Price: City shall be responsible for repair and maintenance costs associated with portions of the Downtown Connector Trail completed by ODOT.

Term: Agreements shall not exceed 25 years.

Ward: Ward 12 (Councilmember Anthony Brancatelli)
Ward 3 (Councilmember Kerry McCormack)

Attachments: Project Map

Slavic Village Overall Trail Connections Proposed and Existing 2013



Proposed Downtown Connector Trail provides links between Washington Park Reservation and ODOT 9th Street Multituse Path

Current West Terminus of Morgana Run Trail

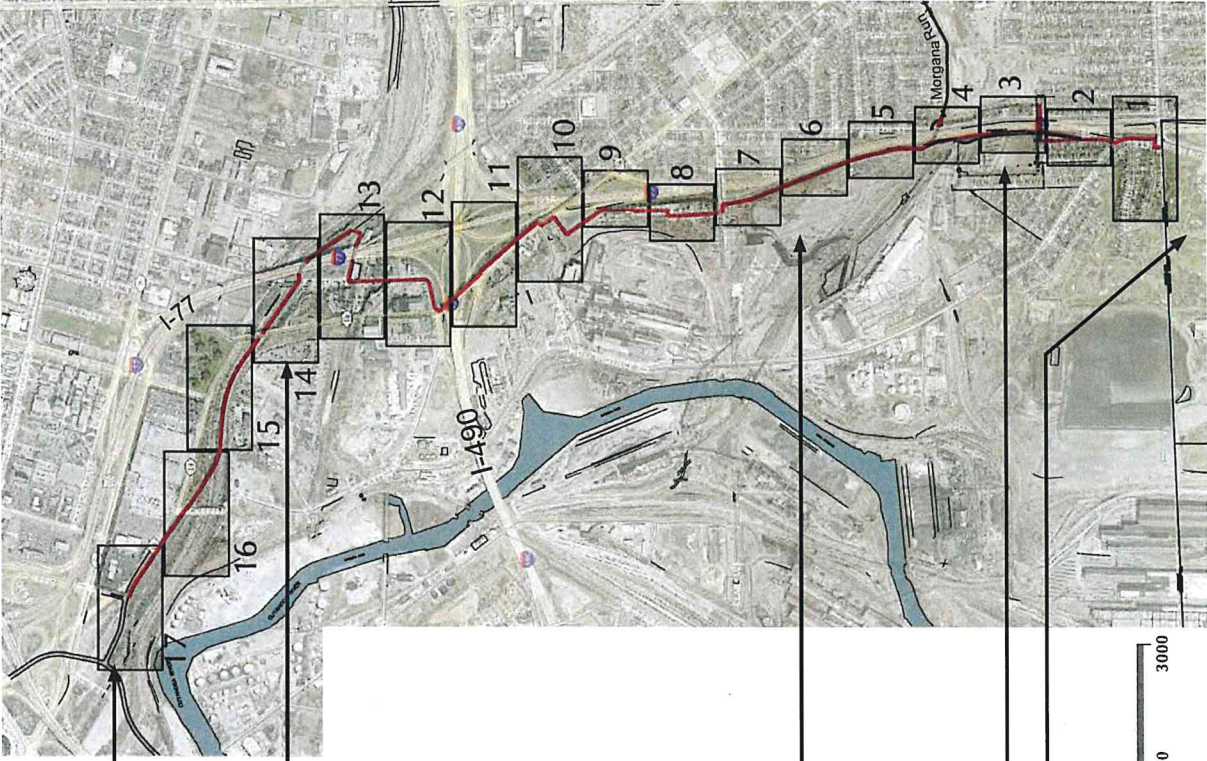
Current East Terminus of Morgana Run Trail

Proposed Safer Neighborhood Route must get under active rail tracks at Booth

Current On-Street Route to Mill Creek on Broadway



NOT TO SCALE



New Broadway / 9th Street
Downtown Connection

East 34th RTA Station

Job Ready Development Parcel

Steel Warehouse

Washington Reservation



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Route Overview

Downtown Connector Trail
 Washington Reservation Metropark to East 9th Street
 Slavic Village Development / City of Cleveland
 February, 2013



City of Cleveland **Memorandum**

Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

Date: November 8, 2021

To: Barbara Langhenry, Director
Department of Law

From: Michael E. Cox, Director
Department of Public Works

Subject: Interagency Agreements for Use, Operation, Repair and
Maintenance of the Downtown Connector Trail

Please prepare legislation authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into interagency agreements, leases, permits, cooperative agreements, and joint use agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation and other public agencies as needed for site control, use, operation, repair and maintenance of the Downtown Connector Trail as segments of this multi-purpose trail are completed.

Thank you.

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