



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The following ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division to contract for professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Signals - Dering Ave. at S. High St. project in the Far South Planning Area (64).

The Department of Public service is engaged in the Signals - Dering Ave. at S. High St. project. The project consists of an improvement of the intersection of High Street and Dering Avenue with the replacement of the existing span wire traffic signal with adjusted phasing and optimized timing. The project includes: replacing the existing traffic signal, the installation of new curb ramps and crosswalk across High Street, utility relocation, lighting modifications, and new signing and pavement markings.

This funding is a request of \$30,000.00 to establish a hire and acquire fund that will be used by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to acquire right of way needed for signal improvements at the High Street and Dering Avenue project within the City of Columbus. This request is a starting point, and as acquisitions are identified and parcels are acquired, additional hire and acquire funding may be needed.

The Department of Public service is currently finalizing construction plans and is prepared to authorize right-of-way acquisition pending passage of this funding legislation.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 are available for this project in Fund 2265, the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to provide necessary right-of-way acquisition funding and prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

To authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to contract for professional services relative to the acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for the Signals - Dering Avenue at S. High Street project; to authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way necessary to complete this project; to authorize the expenditure of \$30,000.00 from the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is engaged in the Signals - Dering Avenue at S. High Street project; and

WHEREAS, the project will include an improvement of the intersection of High Street and Dering Avenue with the replacement of the existing span wire traffic signal with adjusted phasing and optimized timing; and

WHEREAS, successful completion of this project necessitates the City acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to various properties located along the project corridor as additional rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way acquisition cost, including professional services, staff and land costs, have been estimated to total \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office Real Estate Division to expend \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Signals - Dering Avenue at S. High Street project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the necessary right-of-way acquisition for the project to prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program, to ensure the safety of the traveling public thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **now, therefore**

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

SECTION 1. That the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, be, and hereby is, authorized to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate, to contract for professional services, and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way needed to complete the Signals - Dering Avenue at S. High Street project in an amount up to \$30,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2265, (Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund) in Dept-Div 5913 (Traffic Management), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.