



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is accepting Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 38 applications for the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) and State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP). MORPC serves in a staff support capacity to the District Three (Franklin County) Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC).

OPWC requires that a designated official be authorized to submit said applications and execute project agreements for approved projects. Additionally, OPWC is required to award a minimum of 10% of the SCIP funding as a no interest loan; in order to make City applications more favorable, some of the applications may include a request for a no interest loan. Therefore, the applications and ensuing agreements may also require a signature from the Director of Finance and Management and City Auditor, as appropriate, to sign for funding use certification, local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment.

This ordinance will authorize the Director of Public Service to submit applications and to execute project agreements for approved projects. The legislation will also authorize the Director of Finance and Management and City Auditor, as appropriate, to sign for funding use certification, local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment.

2. EXPECTED PROJECTS

The Department of Public Service plans to submit applications for the following projects:

530103-100060 - Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening (Bexley Corp to 7th Av) - This project consists of a full reconstruction of Cassady Avenue from a 2-lane to 3-lane section and reconstructed using complete streets principles with sidewalk on one side and multi-use path on the other side, street lighting, curb and gutter, water line improvements, and closed drainage. This project also includes safety improvements at the intersection of Cassady Avenue at E. 5th Avenue. The project limits on Cassady Avenue are approximately Delmar Road to E. 7th Avenue. Total project cost is approximately \$15,215,464.00.

538009-100000 - Intersection Improvements - Cleveland Ave at Hudson St - This project will install safety improvements to the intersection of Cleveland Avenue at Hudson Street. Improvements include a replacement of the existing traffic signal at the intersection, widening of Cleveland Avenue, replacement of the curb, replacement or installation of new sidewalk and shared use path, and relocation/replacement of: existing street lighting, storm sewer, and AEP poles with DOP distribution attached. Total project cost is approximately \$5,500,000.00.

545003-100000 - Signals - Downtown Signals Part 2 - This project will replace and upgrade existing signals at the intersections of Rich Street with 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, and Grant Avenue. Total project cost is approximately \$3,973,522.00.

440106-100000 - Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction- This project will widen Central College Road, Ulry Road, and Lee Road for the addition of turn lanes at the intersection of Central College Road with Lee Road. Central College Road, from Lee to just east of Sandimark Place, will be widened to create a 3-lane section for the entire limits and providing an extension of the existing 3-lane section east of Sandimark Place. In addition, the sanitary sewer subtrunk will be extended to provide access to each leg of the Central College Road and Lee Road intersection. Total project cost is approximately \$11,032,767.00.

(This listing is meant to be illustrative and is believed to be accurate and complete; however, last minute project additions

and substitutions are permitted at the discretion of the Director of Public Service.)

3. FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this legislation will provide an opportunity to secure funds for various projects. The preliminary allocation for the District Three Public Works Integrating Committee is approximately \$32,000,000, and it is to be awarded in the form of grants and loans. As a part of the application for grant funds, the City may apply for a maximum of \$3,000,000 in loans as necessary to make the applications more favorable to OPWC and the City.

No financial participation is required at this time. City funds will be approved in the form of design contracts and/or construction contracts that will be or have been submitted for Council's approval.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to submit applications for the Local Transportation Improvement Program and State Capital Improvement Program and to execute project agreements for approved projects; to authorize the Director of Public Service and the Director of Finance and Management to submit loan documents and borrow money from the Ohio Public Works Commission for projects as awarded under the State Capital Improvement Program; to authorize the Director of Finance and Management and City Auditor, as appropriate, to sign for funding use certification, local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission requires that the City of Columbus designate and authorize officials to submit Round 38 applications, execute project agreements, sign for funding use certification and local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment for Local Transportation Improvement and State Capital Improvement Programs; and

WHEREAS, application amounts are approximate depending upon OPWC scoring criteria; and

WHEREAS, approved applications will require execution within 45 days of notification by the Ohio Public Works Commission; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to submit applications and execute project agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the City of Columbus for the Local Transportation Improvement Program and State Capital Improvement Program projects.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Public Service and Director of Finance and Management be and are hereby authorized to submit loan documents and borrow money from the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the City of Columbus for projects as awarded under the State Capital Improvement Program.

SECTION 3. The Director of Finance and Management and City Auditor, as appropriate, are authorized to sign any consequential promissory notes for a grand total of no more than \$3,000,000 to certify Round 37 OPWC funding for the City's SCIP loan portion of any project that is awarded a no interest loan.

SECTION 4. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period by law.