



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) began accepting applications for its Municipal Bridge Program on January 1, 2023, and applications were due February 28, 2023. The Municipal Bridge Program provides federal funds to municipal corporations, metroparks and Regional Transit Authorities for bridge replacement or bridge rehabilitation projects. ODOT will cover up to 95% of eligible costs for construction. Total awards are capped at \$2 million. In order to receive funding, a bridge must either be on ODOT's Target Bridge List or be eligible due to inspection results received after the list was generated.

The City meets the criteria to be eligible to submit an application to replace the Kimberly Parkway Bridge over Mason Run. The Department of Public Service has had to limit loads on this bridge to 65% of the legal truck load. The Department estimates the total project cost will be approximately \$1,563,413.00. ODOT recently announced its intention to award funding to the City of this project.

This legislation will authorize the Director of Public Service to execute agreements with ODOT in connection with the award of the grant, expend awarded grant funds, and return unused grant funds if any should remain at the end of the grant.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

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.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to provide the Department of Public Service with the authorization to proceed with accepting ODOT Municipal Bridge grant funds by the acceptance deadline of July 14.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Service to accept a Municipal Bridge Program Grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection to the Kimberly Parkway Bridge Replacement project; to authorize the execution of grant and other requisite agreements with ODOT and other entities providing for the acceptance and administration of said grant award on behalf of the City of Columbus Department of Public Service; to authorize the expenditure of any awarded funds and the refund of any unused funds; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced funding for its Municipal Bridge Program, which is a grant program to be awarded on a competitive basis; and

WHEREAS, ODOT accepted applications through February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Public Service to submit an application, execute grant agreements, accept and expend grant funds, and issue refunds if necessary after final accounting for approved projects; 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 Director to accept grant funds and execute agreements with ODOT in connection with the award of the grant by the acceptance deadline of July 14, for the public health, safety and welfare; **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 an application seeking grant funding from ODOT's Municipal Bridge Program to replace its Kimberly Parkway Bridge over Mason Run.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to accept said grants and to execute a grant agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate said applications, acceptance, or agreement on behalf of the Department of Public Service.

SECTION 3. That the Department of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to expend any awarded grant funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of said grant.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That, at the end of the grant period, or upon request of the grantor, 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 6. 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.