



Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract in an amount up to \$11,925,507.75 for the Streetscape Improvements of High Street project and to pay construction inspection costs up to \$1,380,500.00. This project is part of the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program and targets improvements in the public right-of-way in older, established business districts. This improvement extends from Lane Avenue to Arcadia Avenue and includes the widening of Hudson Street between Neil Avenue and East Avenue. Also included are all side streets to the first alley both east and west of High Street and the sewer outfall which extends west on Dodridge to Neil and to the northern terminus of Neil Avenue (see attached map). The work consists of concrete curb and sidewalk replacement along the entire project, pavement milling and overlay, lighting, traffic signals, overhead utility removal, neighborhood entry features at both ends of the project in the form of arches, water line work on behalf of the Division of Power and Water, sewer separation in the form of new storm drain piping on behalf of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, and landscaping.

This project will not change the existing size of traffic lanes or sidewalk except for an additional turn lane at Hudson Street. Four miles of sidewalk will be replaced and brought to current ADA standards with 182 curb ramps. OSU is a major pedestrian generator in this area and substantial additional consideration to pedestrian movement during construction has been addressed. New bike racks and additional trees will be installed. This is a major transit route and bus pads will be upgraded as part of this project.

The estimated Notice to Proceed date is June 4, 2008. This project has been given 520 days to complete the construction. The project was let by the Transportation Division and was advertised in the City Bulletin, Dodge Reports, and by the Builders Exchange. Seventeen bidders/suppliers were solicited (16 majority, 1 minority) and three bids were received (3 majority) on March 20, 2008 and tabulated as follows:

Complete General Construction Company	\$11,925,507.75
George J. Igel & Co.	\$13,247,790.33
Trucco Construction Co.	\$15,432,056.50

Award is to be made to Complete General Construction Company, c.c. #31-4366382 (expiring 1/30/2010), as the lowest, best, most responsive and most responsible bidder.

Emergency action is requested to allow immediate expenditure of the necessary funds so that construction may begin on or around June 4, 2008 to maximize the current construction season.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for this project in the amount of \$9,007,566.04 for the Transportation Division is available within the Voted 1995, 1999, 2004 Streets and Highways Fund for this work. Funds in the amount of \$821,105.18 are available in the Waterworks Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund and funds in the amount of \$3,477,336.53 are available in the Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds Fund.

To authorize the Public Service Director to enter into a contract for the Transportation Division with Complete General Construction Company for construction of the Streetscapes Improvements of High Street - Lane to Arcadia project; to authorize the expenditure of \$9,007,566.04 from the Voted 1995, 1999, 2004 Streets and Highways Fund for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$821,105.18 from the Waterworks Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund; and the expenditure of \$3,477,336.53 from within the Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$13,306,007.75).

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 20, 2008, and tabulated, for the Streetscape Improvements of High Street project and a satisfactory bid has been received; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for construction inspection costs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation and transfer of funds for the project to proceed; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is needed to maximize the current construction season and the contract should be awarded immediately so that the work may proceed without delay, 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 Public Service Director be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Complete General Construction Company for the construction of the Streetscape Improvements of High Street project in the amount of \$11,925,507.75, for the Transportation Division in accordance with the specifications and plans on file in the office of the Public Service Director, which are hereby approved; to obtain and pay for the necessary inspection costs associated with the project up to a maximum of \$1,380,500.00.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost of the Transportation Division's share of the contract and inspection, the sum of \$9,007,566.04 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Voted 1995, 1999, 2004 Streets and Highways Fund in the following amounts

Fund	Dept./Div	OCA	O.L.01/O.L.03	Project No.	Amount
704	59-09	644385	06/6631	530086	\$1,500,000.00
704	59-09	644385	06/6631	530058	\$5,944,031.06
704	59-09	644385	06/6631	440005	\$1,563,534.98

SECTION 3. That for the purpose of paying the cost of the waterline improvements and associated inspection services, the sum of \$821,105.18 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Waterworks Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund | Fund 606 | Div. 60-09 | OCA 642900 | Object Level Three 6629 | Project No. 690236.

SECTION 4. That for the purpose of paying the cost of the sanitary sewer and associated inspection services, identified as Sanitary System Rehabilitation, the sum of \$3,477,336.53 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds Fund | Fund 665 | Div. 60-05 | OCA 665404 | Object Level Three 6630 | Project No. 650404.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer any unencumbered balance in the project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project; except that no transfer shall be so made from a project account funded by monies from more than one source.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to establish all of the funds encumbered under this legislation under 59-09 Transportation and the Department of Utilities from the various sources into the separate accounts according to the following chart:

Source/destination	Co ntr act	Inspection	Total
Transportation	\$8 ,0 73 ,0 29 .9 2	\$934,536.12	\$9,007,566.04
Sewers	\$3,116	\$360,774.11	\$3,477,336.53

Water	\$7 35 ,9 15 .4 1	\$85,189.77	\$821,105.18
Total		\$11,925,380,500.00	\$13,306,007.75

SECTION 7. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 8. 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.