



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Public Service Director to modify an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to provide additional engineering and design services associated with the Downtown Columbus Circulation Study. The traffic study has recommended a street network to facilitate mobility, enhance pedestrian friendliness, and contribute to the viability of the downtown community. These services will provide for additional traffic analyses of street networks that may be required as a result of ODOT's refinement of the I-70/71 freeway alternatives, develop a schedule and cost estimates for the recommended street and pedestrian improvements, extend the Gay Street streetscape recommended improvements from Front Street to Marconi Boulevard and enhance bicycle travel in downtown and connections to outlying areas.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The original contract authorization was for \$250,000.00 per Ordinance 2026-2003 passed by City Council September 22, 2003. The contract was extended through December 31, 2004 with no increase in funding by Ordinance 1492-2004 passed by Council September 13, 2004. This pending contract modification is for \$250,000.00. The total contract authorization including this pending modification is \$500,000.00. Monies for the modification are budgeted in the Transportation Division's 2004 Capital Improvements Budget in the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund in the Downtown Circulation Changes project (\$150,000.00). The balance is available in two other projects, Raised Pavement Markers (\$9,553.05) and the unallocated balance of this same Fund (\$90,446.95). This ordinance appropriates the \$90,446.95, transfers \$100,000.00 from these projects to the Downtown Circulation Changes project and authorizes the expenditure of \$250,000.00.

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's contract compliance number is 31-1009675. They are a not-for-profit governmental entity.

**Emergency action** is requested in order for the study to provide cost estimates and schedules of recommended changes to the downtown street and pedestrian network in time to be included in the development of the 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Plan. The study also needs to be responsive to freeway changes that ODOT may recommend from the I-70/71 alternatives analysis.

To appropriate \$90,446.95 within the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund; to authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00 between projects within that Fund; to authorize the Public Service Director to modify and extend the agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to provide additional engineering and design services for the Downtown Columbus Circulation Study for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00) **(AMENDED BY ORD. 0722-2005 PASSED 4/20/2005)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus Transportation Division and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) entered into an agreement on March 4, 2004 (per Ordinance #2026-2003) to improve the downtown Columbus transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission have agreed to extend the time needed to complete the study on October 13, 2004 (per Ordinance # 1492-2004); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission have jointly identified a need to secure additional engineering and design services and to further extend the time needed to accomplish these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the performance of the study has proceeded with full participation by City of Columbus staff in the development of recommended changes to the downtown street and pedestrian network; and

**WHEREAS**, monies are available in the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund for this expense, and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Transportation Division, Public Service Department, in that it is

immediately necessary to authorize the modification of the agreement with MORPC for downtown traffic study engineering and design services, 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 sum of \$90,446.95 be and hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of Fund 704, the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005, to Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, Object Level One Code 06, Object Level Three Code 6600, OCA Code 644385 and project 704999.

**SECTION 2.** That the monies appropriated within the foregoing Section 1 shall be paid upon order of the Public Service Director and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 3.** That the intrafund transfer of \$100,000.00 between projects within Fund 704, the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, be and hereby is authorized as follows:

**TRANSFER FROM**

**Project # / Project / Object Level One / Object Level Three Codes / OCA Code / Amount**

540011 / Raised Pavement Markers / 06/6600 / 644385 / \$9,553.05

704999 / Unallocated Balance / 06/6600 / 644385 / \$90,446.95

Total Transfer From: \$100,000.00

**TRANSFER TO**

**Project # / Project / Object Level One / Object Level Three Code / OCA Code / Amount**

590129 / Downtown Circulation Changes / 06/6682 / 644385 / \$100,000.00

Total Transfer To: \$100,000.00

**SECTION 4.** That the Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to modify (extend through June 30, 2005 and increase by \$250,000.00) an existing agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 285 East Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 for \$250,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed to secure a coordinated downtown street and freeway network, develop an implementation plan of recommended improvements, enhance downtown livability and provide for non-motorized modes of travel.

**SECTION 5.** That the expenditure of \$250,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, Fund 704, Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, Object Level One Code 06, Object Level Three Code 6682, OCA Code 530801 and Project 590129 to pay for the cost of said services.

**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.