



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify the contract with MS Consultants for the Alum Creek Trail - Johnstown Road/ East Columbus Connector Design.

This will be a contract modification to perform detailed design plans for a new trail connection from the Alum Creek Trail to the East Columbus community. The project will construct an all-access path and on-street bike improvements from the Alum Creek Trail central section to Johnstown Road, Parkview Boulevard, Cassady Avenue, and Krumm Park. Over 5,000 residents will be connected to the city's regional trail network. The first phase of the contract (Ordinance 0668-2016) was to complete the Feasibility Study, which has been submitted and approved. The Feasibility Study developed the preferred alignment for the trail, and cycling and safety improvements to neighborhood streets. This first phase also involved public meetings, preliminary engineering, cost estimating, environmental field review, and key stakeholder meetings.

The East Columbus/Krumm Park neighborhood is a significant community of the city's near east side. The area has no access to the Alum Creek Trail, a major 22 mile north/south trail on the west bank of the river. The project will provide a new direct connector for the community, as well as increased access from the Johnstown Road corridor. An existing unused pedestrian bridge over Alum Creek next to Airport Drive will be slightly modified to align with a new trail underpass beneath I-670. From I-670, 1300 l.f. of new trail will be built to Johnstown Road. New bike lanes (0.3 mi.) will be built along Johnstown Road to Cassady Avenue. Also, a new bike boulevard along Kenilworth Avenue/Roxbury St./10th Avenue will improve safe on-street access to Krumm Park Recreation Center and East Columbus elementary school, the central community spaces of the neighborhood.

In July of 2015, the department was awarded a grant by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to construct the project. As part of the funding, the city is responsible for providing engineering plans for the project and acquiring any trail right-of-way that may be needed. The grant is providing 80% of the construction funds, with CRPD's match being 20%.

This modification is for \$514,000.00 which will increase the original contract from \$139,218.50 to \$653,218.50.

Principal Parties:

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Exp. Date 2/18/18

Emergency Justification: An emergency is being requested because the federal funding schedule mandates the submittal of final plans by January of 2018. The tasks necessary to complete these final plans, obtain federal, state, and local permits, right-of-way, and advertise the project for construction have been established by ODOT.

Benefits to the Public:

Cycling, walking, running, and active trail use provide highly recognized year-round benefits to urban lifestyles. Access to trails and to key destinations is one of the top rated priorities noted by residents, and this project fills a significant gap in gaining access to the core of the city. The East Columbus community is currently isolated from improved biking, walking, and non-motorized forms of transportation, and the project fills a major gap in tying the community into a large regional network.

Area(s) Affected: Planning Area: 12

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenway corridors, as well as constructing new trails and access for under-resourced neighborhoods in the city.

Fiscal Impact: The expenditure of \$139,218.50 was legislated for the Alum Creek Trail, Johnstown Road East Columbus Connector Project by Ordinance 0668-2016. This ordinance will provide funding that will modify the previously authorized amount by \$514,000.00. \$514,000.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract modification. The aggregate total amount authorized, including this modification, is \$653,218.50.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify the contract with MS Consultants for the Alum Creek Trail - Johnstown Road/ East Columbus Connector Design; to authorize the transfer of \$381,276.00 between projects within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; to amend the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget; to modify the previously authorized amount by \$514,000.00 for a total expenditure of \$653,218.50 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$514,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify the contract with MS Consultants for the Alum Creek Trail - Johnstown Road/ East Columbus Connector Design; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the transfer of \$381,276.00 or so much thereof as may be needed between projects within Fund 7702 Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize funding that will modify the previously authorized amount by \$514,000.00 for a total expenditure of \$653,218.50; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Recreation and Parks in that it is immediately necessary to modify this contract because the federal funding schedule mandates the submittal of final plans by January of 2018. The tasks necessary to complete these final plans, obtain federal, state, and local permits, right-of-way, and advertise the project for construction have been established by ODOT; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized to modify the contract with MS Consultants for the Alum Creek Trail - Johnstown Road/ East Columbus Connector Design.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a 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.

SECTION 5. That the transfer of \$381,276.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within Fund 7702 Recreation and Parks Bond Fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 0960-2016 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this legislation and future projects.

CURRENT:

Fund 7702; P510303-100000; Greenways - Alum Creek Trail; \$132,724 (SIT Supported)

Fund 7702; P510305-100000; Greenways - Big Run Trail; \$558,463 (SIT Supported)

AMENDED TO:

Fund 7702; P510303-100000; Greenways - Alum Creek Trail; \$514,000 (SIT Supported)

Fund 7702; P510305-100000; Greenways - Big Run Trail; \$177,187 (SIT Supported)

SECTION 7. For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$514,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment.

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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

SECTION 9. 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.