



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to provide engineering and public involvement services for the Scioto Trail Extension from Fifth Avenue to Griggs Park. The project will be developed as a two stage contract. Stage One will develop the alignment for the trail extension from Fifth Avenue to Trabue Road, including environmental inventory, public engagement, utility coordination, and coordination with key regional trail building agencies in the study area. Pending successful completion of Stage One, a contract modification will be submitted to Council for Stage Two to develop the final plans for construction of the trail segment from Fifth Avenue to Trabue Road, including details, permitting, and bid documents.

The Scioto Trail is a major regional greenway from the south side of downtown in Berliner Park to Fifth Avenue. This nine miles of open trail is one of the city's most heavily used paths for cyclists, pedestrians, commuters, runners, and special events. Plans call for over 27 miles of trail to be completed from the far northwest side of the city through downtown, to the far south side of Columbus near Lockbourne. This key middle section will tie together regional trail partners such as Hilliard, Upper Arlington, Metro Parks, and Marble Cliff. Over 8,000 residents live within a 10 minute walk of this proposed segment, and over 350,000 residents from around the larger area will begin to be connected to Griggs Park (one of the city's largest parks) Marble Cliff Metro Park (under development), as well as the entire 126 mile regional Central Ohio greenway network.

The costs for Stage One of this contract will be \$169,500.

A contract modification for Stage Two will be submitted to Council in 2020 for detailed design of the project.

Proposals were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on March 21, 2019 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on April 12, 2019. Proposals were received from the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>
Korda Engineering	(MAJ)
Prime AE	(MBE)
Strand Associates	(MAJ)
Design Local	(FBE)
Carpenter/Marty Engineering	(MAJ)
JMT Solutions	(MAJ)
OHM Associates	(MAJ)
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	(MAJ)

In accordance with City Code, a selection team evaluated the proposals and recommended Stantec Consulting Services Inc. be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their reference projects, experience, qualifications, availability, timeline, and project approach.

Principal Parties:

Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
1500 Lake Shore Blvd
Columbus, OH 4304
614-486-4383

Brian Hagerty
CC#: 11-2167170
Exp. Date: 8/22/19

Emergency Justification: An emergency is being requested in order to complete the first phase of public involvement and feasibility studies by the end of 2019.

Benefits to the Public: This project ties together several years of regional collaboration between public and private trail building partnerships and the public at large with the goal of accessing major parks, destinations, the central downtown, employment centers, retail and entertainment, cultural events, recreational opportunities, as well as providing a car-free means of active transportation.

Community Input Issues: Several planning documents and studies show extensive benefits and public demand for trail connectivity for the larger northwest corridor of Columbus. The current terminus of the trail Fifth Avenue limits thousands of residents from safe, access. Development of new housing, attractions, and parks within this trail section is moving ahead rapidly.

Area(s) Affected: West Scioto (Community 37)

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors. Improving the environmental health of the city's waterways; improving recreational access to streams; providing long term protection corridors for water quality and trail development.

Fiscal Impact: \$169,500.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to provide engineering and public involvement services for the Scioto Trail Extension from Fifth Avenue to Griggs Park; to authorize the transfer of \$169,500.00 between projects within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to amend the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1326-2019; to authorize the expenditure of \$169,500.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$169,500.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to provide engineering and public involvement services for the Scioto Trail Extension from Fifth Avenue to Griggs Park; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the transfer of \$169,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize that the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1326-2019 be amended in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this legislation and future projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$169,500.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract in order to complete the first phase of public involvement and feasibility studies by the end of 2019, thereby preserving the public health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That this ordinance is contingent on Ordinance 1573-2019.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized Parks enter into contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to provide engineering and public involvement services for the Scioto Trail Extension from Fifth Avenue to Griggs Park.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. That the transfer of \$169,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1326-2019 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this ordinance and future projects.

Fund / Project / Project Name / Current / Change / Amended

Fund 7702; P510304-100002; Greenways - Big Walnut Trail - Nafzger Park to Winchester Pike (Voted Carryover) / \$1,078 / (\$1,078) / \$0

Fund 7702; P510316-100000; Greenways Projects (Voted Carryover) / \$1,172,100 / (\$168,422) / \$1,003,678

Fund 7702; P510312-100000; Greenways - Scioto Trail - 5th to Griggs (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$169,500 / \$169,500

SECTION 8. For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$169,500.00 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 attachments to this ordinance.

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.