



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into a contribution agreement with and to provide funding to the Short North Alliance relative to the operation of the Short North Ornamental Arches (“Arches”).

In 2002, the City of Columbus, in collaboration with the Short North Special Improvement District, installed 17 Arches on High Street between Goodale and Fifth avenues, which pay homage to earlier wooden arches first built in 1888 when Columbus was known as “Arch City”, making the Arches of considerable historical, cultural, and civic importance to Columbus and its residents. Eventually the Arches needed major maintenance, repair, and upgrading, prompting the City, acting through its Department of Public Service, to engage a contractor to perform this work.

Following the restoration of the Arches, the Short North Special Improvement District assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Arches pursuant to an infrastructure maintenance agreement, effective August 19, 2020. That agreement also noted an anticipated need for 960 replacement lights for future use, with the City informally agreeing to provide a portion of the monies necessary to support the fabrication of said lights. The purchase and installation of the lighting was included in the Downtown Streetscape - Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 3 project, approved by Council via Ordinance 0030-2019, which passed February 4, 2019. Due to supply chain issues and a long lead time in procuring the bulbs, the Department of Public Service desires to closeout the existing construction project and turn the procurement of the lighting over to the Short North Alliance.

The purpose of this ordinance is to enable the City, acting through the Department of Public Service, to satisfy that obligation by making a one-time, lump sum payment of \$159,609.48 to the Short North Alliance to facilitate the procurement of the same.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$159,609.48 is available in Fund 7766, the Street and Highway Non-Bond Fund, Project P530053-100000. An amendment to the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget is needed to establish budget authority for the correct project. The funds are appropriated.

3. MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The Short North Alliance is a local, non-profit organization, and as such, MBE/WBE/SLBE program requirements are not applicable to the proposed expenditure.

4. ~~EMERGENCY DESIGNATION~~

~~Emergency action is requested to enable the Department of Public Service to make payment to the Short North Alliance as soon as reasonably possible due to supply chain issues and the long lead time required to obtain the lighting.~~

To amend the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute a contribution agreement with and make payment to the Short North Alliance relative to the Short North Ornamental Arches; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$159,609.48 from the Street and Highway Non-Bond Fund; ~~and to declare an emergency.~~ (\$159,609.48).

WHEREAS, the Short North Ornamental Arches (“Arches”) are of significant historical, cultural, and civic importance to the City of Columbus and its residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the City of Columbus collaborated with the Short North Special Improvement District on the design, fabrication, and installation of 17 Arches on High Street between Goodale and Fifth avenues, paying homage to

erstwhile wooden arches first built in 1888 when Columbus was known as “Arch City”; and

WHEREAS, eventually the Arches needed major maintenance, repair, and upgrading, prompting the City, acting through its Department of Public Service, to engage a contractor to restore the Arches to perform this work; and

WHEREAS, following the restoration of the Arches, the Short North Special Improvement District assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Arches pursuant to an infrastructure maintenance agreement, effective August 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, that agreement also noted an anticipated need for 960 replacement lights for future use, with the City informally agreeing to provide a portion of the monies necessary to support the fabrication of said lights; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of this ordinance are to authorize the execution of a contribution agreement between the Department of Public Service and the Short North Alliance and the encumbrance and expenditure of funds to facilitate the procurement of the replacement lights; and

WHEREAS, the Short North Alliance is a local, non-profit organization, and as such, MBE/WBE/SLBE program requirements are not applicable to the proposed expenditure; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget is needed to provide sufficient budget authority for the proper project; 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 enter into a contribution agreement in order to make payment to the Short North Alliance as soon as reasonably possible due to supply chain issues and the long lead time required to obtain the lighting; **NOW, THEREFORE,**~~

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

SECTION 1. That the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget authorized by Ordinance 1896-2022 be and is hereby amended to provide sufficient budget authority as follows:

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

7766 / P530053-100002 / Downtown Streetscape - Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 2 (Street and Highway Improvement Carryover) / \$184,342.00 / (\$159,609.00) / \$24,733.00

7766 / P530053-100003 / Downtown Streetscape - Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 3 (Street and Highway Improvement Carryover) / \$65,000.00 / \$159,609.00 / \$224,609.00

SECTION 2. That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to execute a contribution agreement with and contribute funding to the Short North Alliance relative to the operation of the Short North Ornamental Arches.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$159,609.48, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7766 (Street and Highway Non-Bond Fund), Dept-Div 59-12 (Division of Design and Construction), Project P530053-100003 (Downtown Streetscape - Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 3), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay), per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 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 6. 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 7. 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.~~

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law