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Legislation Text

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Background: The Public Service Department, Transportation Division, erects traffic signals and constructs traffic calming improvements at locations that meet warrants established within the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This legislation authorizes the Public Service Director to enter into a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff-Ohio, Incorporated, for speed studies in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Transportation Division. The requested speed studies are at various locations throughout the City. These studies will be the basis of constructing future traffic calming capital improvements. A professional services contract is needed to assure timely completion of the traffic (warrant) studies and because the Transportation Division does maintain adequate staff to complete the studies in-house.

The selection process for this contract was completed in accordance with provisions of Chapter 329.11 of the Columbus City Code. Requests for proposals (RFPs) were solicited from six (6) firms as follows: Dynotec, Incorporated; Eggeman Engineering and Consulting; E. P. Ferris and Associates, Incorporated; LJB, Incorporated; Parsons-Brinckerhoff-Ohio, Incorporated; and Sire-Blauvelt Engineers. Four firms responded to the solicitation. The evaluation committee determined that Parsons-Brinckerhoff submitted the best overall proposal for this work. Parsons Brinckerhoff-Ohio, Incorporated's contract compliance number is 13-3363319 and expires October 31, 2005.

Fiscal Impact: The Transportation Division budgeted \$3.3 million for Pedestrian Safety Improvements in the 2004 Capital Improvements Budget (CIB). All of the funds from the July 2004 bond sale for Pedestrian Safety Improvements have either been expended or encumbered. This ordinance authorizes an additional \$50,000 within the Transportation Division's 2004 Capital Improvements Budget for traffic studies. This ordinance transfers these funds from the Hazmat Signage project to the Pedestrian Safety Improvements project to conduct the traffic studies.

Emergency action is requested to expedite the completion of these studies as soon as practical and promote pedestrian safety.

To authorize the transfer of \$50,000.00 between projects within the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund; to authorize the Public Service Director to enter into a professional service contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff-Ohio, Incorporated, for speed studies for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$ 50,000.00 from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City has identified the need to provide professional engineering services to conduct speed studies; and

WHEREAS, a satisfactory proposal has been submitted by Parsons Brinckerhoff; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Public Service Department, Transportation Division, in that the contract should proceed immediately to expedite the completion of these studies as soon as practical and to promote pedestrian safety, 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 transfer of \$50,000.00 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 Number / Project / Object Level 01/03 Codes / OCA Code

590125 / Hazmat Signage / 06/6600 / 644385

Total Transfer From: \$50,000.00

TRANSFER TO:

Project Number / Project / Object Level 01/03 Codes / OCA Code

590105 / Pedestrian Safety Improvements / 06/6682/ 644385

Total Transfer To: \$50,000.00

SECTION 2. That the Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff-Ohio, Incorporated, 6235 Enterprise Court, Dublin, Ohio 43017 to conduct speed studies for the Transportation Division.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose of paying the cost of said contract, the sum of \$ 50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and hereby is authorized to be expended from Fund 704, the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, Object Level One Code 06, Object Level Three Code 6682, OCA Code 644385 and project 590105.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, 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.