



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Engineer's Office relative to the Refugee Road 5.99 over Big Walnut Creek project, also known as the Bikeway Development - Refugee Road over Big Walnut Creek Shared Use Path project, and to contribute funding toward associated construction and inspection costs.

The aforementioned effort encompasses replacement of the Refugee Road 5.99 Bridge over Big Walnut Creek; installation of a new parapet and barrier wall separating a shared use path along the north side of the structure; and extension of the shared use path on both sides of the bridge to Nathaniel Boulevard and the entrance to Nafzger Park; and installation of sidewalk from the Nafzger Park entrance driveway to the sidewalk at the eastern edge of the park. The City is responsible for the shared use path portion of the project. Franklin County will pay to replace the bridge while the City will pay to construct the shared use path and to widen the bridge to accommodate the shared use path.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding in the amount of \$784,263.65 is available in the Streets and Highways Bond Fund, Fund 7704. An amendment to the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient budget authority for the expenditure. Funds are appropriated.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Emergency action is requested to maintain the construction schedule established by Franklin County.

To amend the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with Franklin County relative to the Bikeway Development - Refugee Road over Big Walnut Creek Shared Use Path project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$784,263.65 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund for this project; and to declare an emergency. (\$784,263.65)

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Engineer's Office has undertaken a capital improvement project culminating in the replacement of the Refugee Road 5.99 Bridge over Big Walnut Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the planned improvements are located in the Near South Community Planning Area within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Service, recognizing the public benefit of said improvements, previously agreed to contribute funding toward the completion of the Refugee Road 5.99 over Big Walnut Creek project, also known as the Bikeway Development - Refugee Road over Big Walnut Creek Shared Use Path project; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 1967-2018 authorized the Department of Public Service to contribute \$125,000.00 to support the local share of associated design costs for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance seeks to enable the Department of Public Service to satisfy its administrative and financial obligations relative to construction of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient budget authority for the expenditure; 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 requisite agreements with Franklin County to maintain the construction schedule established by Franklin County, thereby preserving the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget authorized by Ordinance 2707-2021 be and is hereby amended to provide sufficient budget authority for the appropriate project authorized within this ordinance as follows:

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

7704 / P540002-100000 / Bikeway Development (Voted Carryover) / \$17,726.00 / \$105,792.00 / \$123,518.00 (To match cash)

7704 / P540002-100000 / Bikeway Development (Voted Carryover) / \$123,518.00 / (\$86,132.00) / \$37,386.00

7704 / P540002-100004 / Bikeway Development - Misc ROW Acquisition (Voted Carryover) / \$90,953.00 / (\$90,953.00) / \$0.00

7704 / P540002-100095 / Bikeway Development - Norton Road Shared Use Path (Camp Chase Trail to Hall Road) (Voted Carryover) / \$7,179.00 / (\$7,179.00) / \$0.00

7704 / P540002-100109 / Bikeway Development - Active Transportation Network Prioritization (Voted Carryover) / \$100,000.00 / (\$100,000.00) / \$0.00

7704 / P540002-100110 / Bikeway Development - Indianola-Summit Bikeway Gaps Connection (Voted Carryover) / \$250,000.00 / (\$250,000.00) / \$0.00

7704 / P540002-100111 / Bikeway Development - Low Stress Bikeways (Voted Carryover) / \$250,000.00 / (\$250,000.00) / \$0.00

7704 / P540002-100102 / Bikeway Development - Refugee Road over Big Walnut Creek Shared Use Path (Voted Carryover) / \$0.00 / \$784,264.00 / \$784,264.00

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Engineer's Office relative to the Refugee Road 5.99 over Big Walnut Creek project, also known as the Bikeway Development - Refugee Road over Big Walnut Creek Shared Use Path project, and to provide funding in the amount of up to \$784,263.65 to support associated construction and inspection costs for the project.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$784,263.65, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), Dept-Div 5911 (Division of Infrastructure Management), Project P540002-100102 (Bikeway Development - Refugee Road over Big Walnut Creek Shared Use Path), 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.

