



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The City’s Recreation and Parks Department (“CRPD”) is engaged in the Olentangy Trail--Dodridge Street Connector Project (“Public Project”). The Public Project will construct steps from the north sidewalk of Dodridge Street, near the Dodridge Street bridge, to the Olentangy Trail. The City must acquire in good faith and accept certain fee simple title and lesser real estate located in the vicinity of Dodridge Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202 (collectively, “Real Estate”). The City will be acquiring and paying for the real estate. Accordingly, CRPD requested the City Attorney to acquire the Real Estate in good faith and contract for associated professional services (*e.g.* surveys, title work, appraisals, *etc.*) in order for CRPD to timely complete the acquisition of the property.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:** Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702.

**EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION:** N/A.

To authorize the City Attorney to spend City funds to acquire and accept in good faith certain fee simple title and lesser real estate located in the vicinity of Dodridge Street, and contract for associated professional services in order for the Recreation and Parks Department to timely complete the acquisition of Real Estate for the Olentangy Trail--Dodridge Street Connector Project and to expend up to \$100,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund. (\$100,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the City intends to acquire certain fee simple title and lesser real estate to build the Olentangy Trail--Dodridge Street Connector Project to extend connectivity for the Public by constructing steps from the north sidewalk of Dodridge Street, near the Dodridge Street bridge, to the Olentangy Trail; and

**WHEREAS,** the City intends to improve certain public right-of-ways in the vicinity of Dodridge Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202 by allowing the City's Recreation and Parks Department (“CRPD”) to engage in the acquisition of Real Estate for the Olentangy Trail--Dodridge Street Connector Project (“Public Project”); and

**WHEREAS,** the City intends for the City Attorney to acquire in good faith and accept the necessary fee simple title and lesser real estate located in the vicinity of Dodridge Street (collectively, “Real Estate”) in order for CRPD to complete the Public Project; and

**WHEREAS,** the City intends for the City Attorney to spend City funds to acquire the Real Estate in good faith and contract for associated professional services (*e.g.* surveys, title work, appraisals, *etc.*); and

**WHEREAS,** this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney’s Office, Real Estate Division, to expend up to One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$100,000.00) or so much as may be necessary to hire professional services and negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Public Project; and

**WHEREAS,** the City intends to spend funds from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 in order to acquire the Real Estate; and **now, therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Attorney is authorized to acquire in good faith and accept certain fee simple title and lesser real estate located in the vicinity of Dodridge Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202 (collectively, “Real Estate”) in order for the City's Recreation and Parks Department (“CRPD”) to timely complete the Olentangy Trail--Dodridge Street Connector Project (“Public Project”).

**SECTION 2.** That the City Attorney is authorized to contract for professional services (*e.g.* surveys, title work, appraisals, *etc.*) associated with the Real Estate’s acquisition for the project.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Attorney, in order to exercise the authority described in Sections One (1) and Two (2) of this ordinance, is authorized to spend up to One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$100,000.00) or as much as may be necessary, from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 according to the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to establish any appropriate accounting codes once the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are deemed appropriated.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to transfer any unencumbered balance in the Public Project’s account to the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the director of the department administering the real estate acquisition that acquisition is complete and the monies are no longer required for the project, except that no transfer can be made from a project account by monies from more than one source.

**SECTION 6.** That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to establish any proper and appropriate project accounting numbers.

**SECTION 7.** That the City Auditor is authorized and directed to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 8.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.