



## Legislation Text

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The Public Service Department, Transportation Division, has initiated a design project to alleviate ponding due to drainage and elevation problems at various roadway intersections throughout the City. Following rain events, ponding occurs at wheel chair ramps, thereby making the ramps inaccessible. This project will design solutions to eliminate the ponding problems at nine (9) intersections as follows:

1. West Broad Street and Jones Avenue (NW and NE corners)
2. West Broad Street and Wisconsin Avenue (NW corner)
3. West Broad Street and Meek Avenue (NW and NE corners)
4. West Broad Street and Chicago Avenue (NW and NE corners and south side)
5. Neil Avenue and Hubbard Avenue (NE and SE corners)
6. Summit Street and Wyandotte Avenue (NE and SE corners)
7. Blake Avenue and East Street (NE and SE corners)
8. Parsons Avenue and Stewart Avenue (NW corner)
9. King Avenue and Perry Street (NW corner)

The Transportation Division does not maintain the staffing level or all of the expertise necessary to complete the design of this project. Contracting with consulting firms has been the normal method for the Transportation Division to produce construction documents on most projects except those that are maintenance projects in nature. This practice will continue for the foreseeable future.

This legislation authorizes the Public Service Director to enter into a contract with Ribway Engineering Group, Incorporated, (REG) for survey work and design solutions to mitigate the ponding.

The selection process for this contract was completed in accordance with provisions of Chapter 329.11 of the City Code. Requests for proposals (RFPs) were solicited from seven (7) firms as follows: ADR Civil, Dynotech, Columbus Engineering Consultants, Transystems, R.D. Zande, EMH & T, and Ribway Engineering Group (REG).

Four (4) firms responded to the solicitation. The evaluation committee determined that REG submitted the best proposal for this work. REG's contract compliance number is 31-1406579 and expires November 28, 2005. This firm is a certified emerging MBE business.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding for this design work exists within the Transportation Division's 2004 Capital Improvements Budget in the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund. This ordinance transfers \$49,922.00 from the Columbus Housing Initiatives project to the Miscellaneous Intersection Improvements project as required.

**Emergency action** is requested to expedite the completion of this design work. Subsequent construction will mitigate this ponding that poses a problem for wheelchair bound citizens attempting to use the adjacent sidewalk ramps.

To authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$49,922.00 between projects within the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund; to authorize the Public Service Director to enter into contract with Ribway Engineering Group, Incorporated, to design solutions and perform survey work necessary to mitigate ponding problems at nine (9) roadway intersections for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$49,922.00 or so much thereof as may be needed from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$49,922.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Division has initiated a design project to alleviate ponding due to drainage and elevation problems at various roadway intersections at locations throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, following rain events, ponding occurs at wheel chair ramps, thereby making the ramps inaccessible; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will design solutions to eliminate the ponding problems at nine (9) intersections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Division solicited requests for proposals (RFP's) from seven (7) firms of which four (4) responded; and

**WHEREAS**, the evaluation committee determined that Ribway Engineering Group, Incorporated, submitted the best proposal for this work; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Transportation Division, Public Service Department, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for said design work to mitigate intersection ponding, 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 City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer \$49,922.00 between projects within Fund 704, the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, for Department No. 59-09, the Transportation Division, as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

Project No. / Project / Object Level One/Three Codes/ OCA Code  
530303 / Columbus Housing Initiative / 06/6600 / 644385

Total Transfer From: \$49,922.00

TRANSFER TO:

Project No. / Project / Object Level One/Three Codes/ OCA Code  
530086 / Miscellaneous Intersection Improvements / 06/6682/ 644385

Total Transfer To: \$49,922.00

**SECTION 2.** That the Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with Ribway Engineering Group, Incorporated, 350 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 to design solutions to eliminate water ponding problems at nine (9) intersections.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$49,922.00 or so much thereof as may be needed be and hereby is authorized 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 530086.

**SECTION 4.** 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.