



Legislation Text

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Background:

This project will construct a bike path along the west bank of Hoover Reservoir, from Plum Road to Sunbury Road. The project will be 75% funded by Clean Ohio Trails Fund and 25% by local matching funds. The project was implemented by Delaware County, with match co-funding by the City, Berkshire Township Trustees, Village of Galena, Delaware County Preservation Parks, and the Ohio to Erie Trail Fund.

The City's matching portion of this grant is to come from capital improvement bond funding. The project will directly connect the City to the regional trail network of Delaware County.

This project will build a dedicated trail facility along Hoover Reservoir, connecting residents of Galena, Westerville, and Columbus to the regional greenways system. It will be a key segment of the Ohio to Erie trail, a pathway connecting Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland. The project will provide unique visitor access to the west side of Hoover Reservoir. The project increases safety for the cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists.

The project is recognized as a significant state wide trail improvement, and is listed on the State of Ohio Trails Plan, the Central Ohio Greenways Plan, MORPC Regional Bikeways Plan, and Delaware County Bikeways Plan. Several public meetings were held during the past 3 years.

The project will bid in November, and matching funds must be provided to Delaware County to proceed with the project in 2009.

Financial Impact:

\$50,000.00 is budget in the Voted 1999/2004 Recreation and Parks bond fund to meet the financial obligation of this agreement.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with Delaware County for the development of a one mile section of the Ohio to Erie Trail along the west side of the Hoover Reservoir and to authorize an expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Voted 1999/2004 Recreation and Parks bond fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into an agreement with Delaware County to construct a bike path along the west bank of Hoover Reservoir, from Plum Road to Sunbury Road; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus, in that it is immediately necessary enter into this agreement, transfer and expend these funds to allow this project to proceed in a timely manner for the preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is authorized to enter into an agreement with Delaware County, for the construction of a bike path along the west bank of Hoover Reservoir, from Plum Road to Sunbury Road

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Voted 1999/2004 Recreation and Parks bond fund, Project #510229-100000, OCA#644526, Fund #702, Obj Level 3# 6621, to pay the cost thereof.

SECTION 3. 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; except that no transfer shall be so

made from a project account funded by monies from more than one source.

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.