



Legislation Text

File #: 0496-2005, **Version:** 1

Background: The Transportation Division is required to install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps when making other improvements within the City's rights-of-way. This legislation authorizes a project that will allow the Transportation Division to meet these requirements. The project provides for curb ramps to be built at specified locations once other improvements have commenced. The project details the installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps at the intersections of various city streets and includes installation of curb ramps, curb and gutter removal and replacement, pavement planning, and pavement repairs. Construction of these curb ramps is in accordance with the Settlement Agreement entered into by the City of Columbus, et al, and the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council, et al, Civil Action No. C2-99-297. Formal bids were received on February 24, 2005, as follows:

Bidder / Bid Amount / Status

G & G Cement Contractors / \$1,266,050.00 / Majority
Decker Construction Company / \$1,376,735.00 / Majority
McDaniel's Construction Corporation, Incorporated / \$1,488,110.15 / Minority
Miller Pavement Maintenance / \$1,658,675.75 / Majority

The Transportation Division recommends the bid award to G & G Cement Contractors for having submitted the lowest, best, most responsive, and most responsible bid. Their contract compliance number is 31-0924129 and expires December 18, 2005. The Transportation Division's sidewalk section will perform the necessary construction inspection work; this cost will not be charged to the project.

This project is being designated as the On-Call ADA Ramp Construction - 2005 Phase 2 project to differentiate it from a contract for similar work to be performed by this vendor for \$142,462.50 that was authorized by Ordinance 0031-2005 passed by City Council February 14, 2005. The pending project is distinguished from the earlier one in that it provides a "face lift" for deteriorating curb ramps in the downtown area and flooding mitigation on corners designated by the City Engineer and serves as a means of installing ramps identified from the City's ramp request [telephone] line. This pending project is the last ramp project anticipated to be constructed in 2005.

Fiscal Impact: The total cost of this project is \$1,266,050.00. This sum is available within the Transportation Division's 2004 Capital Improvement Budget in the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund in the Columbus Housing Initiatives project and the Pedestrian Safety Improvements project. This ordinance provides for transfer of \$550,263.70 from the former to the latter project. It then authorizes the expenditure of \$1,266,050.00 from the Pedestrian Safety Improvements project.

Emergency action is requested to allow this construction contract to commence as soon as possible to enhance pedestrian safety.

To authorize the transfer of \$550,263.70 between projects within the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund; to authorize the Public Service Director to enter into a contract with G & G Cement Contractors for construction of the On-Call ADA Ramp Construction - 2005 Phase 2 project for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,266,050.00 from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$1,266,050.00)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division has the need to provide safe walkways within the public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the On-Call ADA Ramp Construction - 2005 Phase 2 project is to build curb ramps; and

WHEREAS, the On-Call ADA Ramp Construction - 2005 Phase 2 project was competitively bid on February 24, 2005, 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 a contract for the work contemplated as soon as possible to order to enhance 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 \$550,263.70 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

530303 / Columbus Housing Initiatives / 06/6600 / 644385

Total Transfer From: \$550,263.70

TRANSFER TO:

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

590105 / Pedestrian Safety Improvements / 06/6631/ 644385

Total Transfer To: \$550,263.70

SECTION 2. That the Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with G & G Cement Contractors, 2849 Switzer Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219 for construction of the On-Call ADA Ramp Construction - 2005 Phase 2 project for the Transportation Division in accordance with the terms as shown on the plans on file in the office of the City Engineer, which are hereby approved.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose of paying the costs of the On-Call ADA Ramp Construction - 2005 project, \$1,266,050.00 or so much thereof 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 6631, OCA Code 644385 and Project 590105.

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.