



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Service to execute documents necessary for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to acquire parcels "31B-WL" from the City and for the City to accept parcel "31-WDV" acquired by the Ohio Department of Transportation in the name of the City of Columbus.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is engaged in a project entitled Roadway Improvements - Far East Freeway Phase 1, ODOT designation FRA-70-22.61, PID 95639. This project will construct a new directional ramp from south bound I-270 to east bound I-70, reconfigure ramps from north bound I-270 to east bound I-70 to Brice Road, add a collector-distributor lane east bound from I-270 to Brice Road, reconstruct a segment of Scarborough Blvd and add a cul-de-sac. This is the first construction project from the ODOT Far East Freeway study (PID 76997), with 3 more phases to follow. This project requires a shift in Scarborough Boulevard, therefore requiring ODOT to acquire a parcel of Scarborough Boulevard right-of-way for the FRA-70-22.61, PID 95639 phase 1 labelled "31B-WL" on the plans while also acquiring parcel "31-WDV" in the name of the City.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested in order to allow for the timely granting of the requested permanent easements which will allow construction to proceed per the schedule established by ODOT.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Service to execute those documents necessary for the City to grant permanent easements to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the parcel as shown on the plans labeled "31B-WL"; and to accept the parcel of real property acquired by the Ohio Department of Transportation in the name of the City of Columbus "31-WDV" for Scarborough Boulevard as part of the Roadway Improvements - Far East Freeway Phase 1; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00) **(AMENDED BY ORD. 2242-2021; PASSED 9/13/2021)**

WHEREAS, permanent easement into the public rights-of-way was requested by ODOT as part of the Roadway Improvements - Far East Freeway Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, the easement will become part of the ODOT project to construct a new directional ramp from south bound I-270 to east bound I-70, reconfigure ramps from north bound I-270 to east bound I-70 to Brice Road, add a collector-distributor lane east bound from I-270 to Brice Road, reconstruct a segment of Scarborough Blvd and add a cul-de-sac as shown on the plans labelled "31B-WL"; and

WHEREAS, ODOT will acquire parcel "31-WDV" in the name of the city in order accommodate the adjustment to Scarborough Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service will transfer parcel 31B-WL to ODOT while accepting 31-WDV from ODOT at no cost; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute those documents necessary to grant the permanent easement to ODOT to allow construction to proceed per the schedule established by ODOT, 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 Director of the Department of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to execute those documents necessary to grant the permanent easements to ODOT as per the exhibit 31B-WL and Plan FRA-70-22.61 attached to this legislation.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to execute those documents necessary to accept the permanent easements from ODOT as per the Plan FRA-70-22.61 attached to this legislation.

SECTION 3. 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.