



Legislation Text

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Background: The City of Columbus is engaged in the Riverview Drive Improvement project. The purpose of this project is to reconstruct and widen an existing uncurbed two lane road to 30 feet in width from Harley Drive approximately 2,550 feet east to the existing Olentangy River Road. Sidewalks and an enclosed storm sewer system with curb and gutter will be constructed the entire length of this project. Preliminary acquisition cost estimates received from the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, indicate \$123,000.00 will be required for acquisition-related activities, including acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for this project. This legislation authorizes the City Attorney to expend \$123,000.00 for this project.

Fiscal Impact: The Transportation Division budgeted \$2.1 million in the 2004 Capital Improvements Budget for Roadway Improvements. The Division has expended nearly \$1.4 million to date for Roadway Improvements. This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$123,000.00 from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund for land acquisition related services.

Emergency action is being requested to allow right-of-way acquisition-related activities to be initiated by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, as soon as possible so that construction of this improvement project can begin without delay.

To authorize the City Attorney to expend \$123,000.00 for acquisition-related activities including the acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for the Riverview Drive Improvement project for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of these monies from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$123,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is engaged in the Riverview Drive Improvement project; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this project is to reconstruct and widen an existing uncurbed two lane road to 30 feet in width from Harley Drive approximately 2,550 feet east to the existing Olentangy River Road; and

WHEREAS, also included in the project are the installation of sidewalks and an enclosed storm sewer system with curb and gutter along the entire length of this project; and

WHEREAS, the initial acquisition funding estimate totals \$123,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund to pay for said acquisition-related costs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Public Service Department, Transportation Division, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Attorney to expend the funds necessary to hire professional services and begin acquisition of necessary right-of-way for the Riverview Drive Improvement project so that construction of this project can begin as currently scheduled, 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 Attorney be and hereby is authorized to initiate acquisition-related activities necessary to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to those parcels needed for the Riverview Drive Improvement project for the Transportation Division and to expend those funds required to pay said acquisition-related costs.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying for said costs the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division is hereby authorized to expend \$123,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary 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 6601, OCA Code 644385 and Project 530161.

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.