



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) annually accepts applications to fund projects using Highway Safety Program funds. The Safety Program Committee has reviewed the applications submitted this year and has made decisions on funding projects. These grants require a 10% local match.

This legislation will authorize the Director of Public Service to execute project agreements for approved projects, expend grant funds, and issue refunds if necessary after final accounting is performed. Matching funds will be in the form of design contracts and/or construction contracts that will be submitted for Council's approval.

2. AWARDED PROJECTS

The Department of Public Service has received notification of grant awards for the following projects:

FRA-CR15-Livingston Avenue at James Road - Various intersection improvements at James Road in Columbus. This project has been approved for \$128,092 in preliminary engineering in FY 2017; \$128,092 in Design in FY 2018; \$286,700 in right-of-way funds for FY 2018; and \$2,433,300 in Construction funds for FY 2019.

3. FISCAL IMPACT

No financial participation is required at this time. City funds will be approved in the form of design contracts and/or construction contracts that will be submitted for Council's approval.

To authorize the Director of Public Service, on behalf of the City of Columbus, to execute Highway Safety Program grant agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation, expend grant funds, and issue refunds if necessary after final accounting for approved projects; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has awarded the City Highway Safety Program funds grants for the following projects:

FRA-CR15-Livingston Avenue at James Road - Various intersection improvements at James Road in Columbus. This project has been approved for \$128,092 in preliminary engineering in FY 2017; \$128,092 in Design in FY 2018; \$286,700 in right-of-way funds for FY 2018; and \$2,433,300 in Construction funds for FY 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute grant agreements, expend grant funds and issue refunds if necessary after final accounting for approved projects; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to execute grant agreements so that funding can be made available for necessary design and construction services for capital improvement projects, 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 Public Service be and is hereby authorized to execute grant agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Columbus Department of Public Service for the Highway Safety

Program and to expend the funds for the projects.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to issue refunds to ODOT if necessary after final accounting is performed.

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.