



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with Franklin County (COUNTY), the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (AUTHORITY), and the Short North Special Improvement District (SID) for the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1 project, to accept contributions from Franklin County and the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority toward work performed as part of this project, and to, as necessary, provide a refund to Franklin County and/or the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority after the project and final accounting is complete.

The scope of work for this project consists of detailed design and construction plan preparation services for improvements to High Street from Convention Center Drive to Goodale Street. The project primarily focuses improvements on updating and enhancing the pedestrian environment including lighting, curb extensions, sidewalk, ADA compliance, and streetscape/landscaping components. Additionally, the project includes design of improvements to features within the corridor such as traffic signals, utilities, storm water infrastructure, pavement, and bikeway facilities.

The Director of the Department of Public Service shall enter into a contribution agreement with COUNTY, AUTHORITY, and SID to formalize the memorandum of understanding the parties signed on 9/24/14 for this project. The Director of Public Service is authorized to enter into additional agreements with COUNTY, AUTHORITY, and SID as needed to complete this project.

2. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

The Department of Public Service is requesting council to consider this ordinance as an emergency measure in order to allow for immediate execution of agreements to maintain project schedules.

3. FISCAL IMPACT

COUNTY has agreed to contribute a lump sum amount of \$888,000.00 toward the work and AUTHORITY has agreed to contribute a lump sum amount of \$888,000.00 toward the work.

Authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with Franklin County, the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, and the Short North Special Improvement District for the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1 project; to accept contributions from Franklin County and the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority toward work performed as part of this project; as necessary, provide a refund to Franklin County and/or the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority after the project and final accounting is complete; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with Franklin County, the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, and the Short North Special Improvement District for the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance allows the Department of Public Service to accept financial contributions toward this project from Franklin County and the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, and to, as necessary, provide a refund to them after the project is complete and final accounting is done; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service, in that this legislation should go forth immediately to allow agreements to be executed to maintain project timelines, 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 hereby is authorized to enter into agreements with Franklin County, the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, and the Short North Special Improvement District for the Short North SID - High Street Improvements Phase 1 project, to accept contributions from Franklin County and the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority toward work performed as part of this project, and to, as necessary, provide a refund to Franklin County and/or the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority after the project and final accounting is complete.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

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.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. 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.