



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This legislation authorizes the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2017 Project 1 (530087-912017).

The Department of Public Service is currently engaged in the ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2017 Project 1. The project will construct curb ramps at various locations throughout the city. Six of these locations require various easements and are in the following Community Planning Areas: German Village, Hilltop, Near East, Eastmoor/Walnut Ridge.

The Department of Public Service is currently finalizing construction plans and is prepared to authorize right-of-way acquisition pending passage of this legislation.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$79,380.00 are available for this project within the Streets and Highways Improvements Fund, Fund 7704 within the Department of Public Service. It is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget for purposes of providing sufficient funding and expenditure authority for the project.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to provide necessary right-of-way acquisition funding and prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program.

To amend the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; to authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to contract for professional services relative to the acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for the ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2017 Project 1 and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way necessary to complete this project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$79,380.00 from the Streets and Highways Improvements Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$79,380.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service is engaged in the ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2017 Project 1; and

WHEREAS, this project will construct curb ramps at various locations throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to acquire right-of-way to construct some of the curb ramps; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget for purposes of providing sufficient funding and expenditure authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Council to authorize a transfer and expenditure of funds within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund for Public Service to pay for the acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office Real Estate Division to expend \$79,380.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2017 Project 1; 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 above actions so that funding can be made available for the necessary right-of-way acquisition for the project, 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 2016 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by Ordinance 0960-2016 be amended to establish sufficient authority for this project as follows:

Fund / Project / Project Name / Current C.I.B. / Amendment Amount / C.I.B. as Amended

7704 / P530087-100002 / ADA Curb Ramps - Citywide Curb Ramps (Voted 2013 Debt SIT Supported) / \$264,104.00 / (\$79,380.00) / \$184,724.00

7704 / P530087-912017 / ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2017 Project 1 (Voted 2013 Debt SIT Supported) / \$0.00 / \$79,380.00 / \$79,380.00

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$79,380.00 or so much as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within Fund 7704 Streets and Highways Bond Fund, per the account codes in the attachment to this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, be, and hereby is, authorized to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate, to contract for professional services, and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way needed to complete the ADA Ramp Projects - Citywide Curb Ramps 2017 Project 1.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$79,380.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 Streets and Highways Improvements Bond Fund in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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.