



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 1232-2007, **Version:** 1

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This legislation will authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a contract with Capital South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, a not for profit organization, to plan, manage and execute a study for the Downtown Columbus Neighborhood Circulator (Streetcar) project. The study will also identify, articulate and recommend practical strategies for the Downtown Columbus Neighborhood Circulator (Streetcar) project to make downtown Columbus more competitive through improvements in the availability, value and convenience of downtown public transportation. The maximum anticipated cost for this analysis is \$50,000.00.

The proposed Downtown Columbus Neighborhoods Circulator is a modern streetcar system that will serve as an important alternative mode of transportation for downtown employees, visitors to the City, conventioners, and residents of city neighborhoods seeking to travel among destination centers along the major routes of the Circulator. It will help the City meet its objective of revitalizing downtown Columbus by increasing economic investment and providing a solution to the parking and mobility problems currently impeding downtown's resurgence. The transportation project will also connect near-downtown neighborhoods such as Italian Village, the Short North, the Brewery District, German Village, the Arena District, Victorian Village and The Ohio State University campus area with downtown.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this contract are budgeted and available within the General Fund, Department of Finance and Management Citywide Account.

### **EMERGENCY**

There is an immediate need to establish a contract with Capital South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to plan, manage and execute a study for the Downtown Columbus Neighborhood Circulator (Streetcar) project.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NUMBER:** 31-0868417

To authorize and direct the City Auditor to transfer \$50,000.00 within the General Fund of the Department of Finance and Management, to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into contract with Capital South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to plan, manage and execute a study for the Downtown Columbus Neighborhood Circulator (Streetcar) project, to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

**WHEREAS** this legislation will authorize the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a contract with Capital South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to plan, manage and execute a study for the Downtown Columbus Neighborhood Circulator (Streetcar) project, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Downtown Columbus Neighborhoods Circulator is a modern streetcar system that will serve as an important alternative mode of transportation for downtown employees, visitors to the City, conventioners, and residents of city neighborhoods seeking to travel among destination centers along the major routes of the Circulator, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned project will help the City meet its objective of revitalizing downtown Columbus by increasing economic investment and providing a solution to the parking and mobility problems currently impeding downtown's resurgence, and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation project will also connect near-downtown neighborhoods such as Italian Village, the Short North, the Brewery District, German Village, the Arena District, Victorian Village and The Ohio State University campus area with downtown, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to enter into contract with Capital South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, a not for profit organization, in accordance with Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Code, and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum anticipated cost for this contract is \$50,000.00, which is budgeted and available in the Finance Citywide Account, and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize this contract, 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 Auditor be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer \$50,000.00 within the general fund, fund no. 010, Department of Finance and Management as follows:

**FROM:**

Dept/div: 45-01  
Object level 1: 10  
Object level 3 5501  
OCA: 904508  
Amount: \$50,000.00

**TO:**

Dept/div: 45-50  
Object level 1: 03  
Object level 3 3336  
OCA: 450035  
Amount: \$50,000.00

**SECTION 2:** That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management be and his hereby authorized to establish a contract for the purchase of professional services from Capital South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to plan, manage and execute a study for the Downtown Columbus Neighborhood Circulator (Streetcar) project.

**SECTION 3:** That for the purpose so stated in Section 2, the expenditure of \$50,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from:

Dept/Div: 45-50  
Fund: 010  
OCA Code: 450035  
Object level 1: 03  
Object level 3: 3336

**SECTION 4:** 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.