



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND:

This legislation authorizes payment for utility relocation work by American Electric Power, AT&T, Time Warner, WOW, XO, and other utilities as needed in an amount up to \$765,000.00.

The Department of Public Service, Design and Construction Division, is engaged in the Roadway Improvements - Livingston Avenue Phase A, Phase B and Phase C projects. These projects involve widening Livingston Avenue from Short Street to Kennedy Avenue. Project improvements include bike lanes, sidewalks, street trees, drainage, waterline improvements, replacement of traffic signals, and relocating overhead utilities underground. This project complies with the recommendation of the Pedestrian Thoroughfare Plan, encouraging pedestrian and bicycle travel with the installation of sidewalks, bike lanes and ADA-compliant curb ramps.

In the course of effecting roadway improvements, it is sometimes necessary to force the relocation of utilities from privately held easements or place overhead utilities underground to promote public health, safety and welfare including the economic development of the City. It is necessary to move utilities to complete this project.

The funding request for utilities relocation reimbursement is based upon estimates from the utilities. The utilities will invoice the City for actual costs incurred in relocating the utilities. The amount needed may exceed the amount requested in this ordinance. Additional legislation will be submitted by the Department of Public Service if additional funds are needed to complete the relocations.

2. FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are available within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund, Fund 7704.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Public Service is requesting emergency designation so as to provide funding for utility reimbursements at the earliest possible time to maintain the project construction schedule.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to pay utility relocation costs to various utilities for the Roadway Improvements - Livingston Avenue Phase A, Phase B and Phase C projects; to authorize the expenditure of \$765,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary for utility relocations for these projects from the Streets & Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$765,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is concerned with the use of the various rights-of-way areas in the City as such rights-of-way areas represent a valuable and limited resource that must be utilized to promote the public health, safety and welfare including the economic development of the City; and

WHEREAS, utility relocations must be completed before construction can begin; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service requires funding to be available for utility relocation expenses for the Roadway Improvements - Livingston Avenue Phase A, Phase B and Phase C projects; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of \$765,000.00 for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize payment for utility relocation expenses at the earliest possible time to prevent

construction delays, 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 reimburse utilities for utility relocation costs to American Electric Power and other utilities as necessary, for the Roadway Improvements - Livingston Avenue Phase A, Phase B and Phase C projects.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$765,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 Street and Highway GO Bonds Fund in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. For the reasons stated in this ordinance's preamble, which are made a part of this ordinance, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and is effective and in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten (10) days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this ordinance.