



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will be accepting Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) applications through June 25, 2010. This is an opportunity for the City to secure outside funding for various roadway improvement projects. MORPC has up to \$54 million to distribute to all applicants for new projects from 2012 through 2017.

The current round of applications will be establishing the 2012-2015 TIP, as well as its long-range project listing for 2016 through 2019. The Transportation Improvement Program is composed of these component sub-programs: The Surface Transportation Program (STP); the Transportation Enhancement Program (TE) and the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ). MORPC requires that a designated official be authorized to submit said applications and execute project agreements for approved projects.

In addition to funding applications for projects not previously submitted, under its new rules MORPC requests the City "reauthorize" projects submitted prior to 2010 to reaffirm the City's continuing commitment to those projects.

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to submit applications and to execute project agreements for approved projects. Specific projects for which applications will likely be submitted are listed within the body of this ordinance.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

The TIP can fund up to eighty percent (80%) of total right-of-way and construction expenses. Preliminary engineering and design expenses are not eligible for funding. No financial participation is required at this time. City funds will be expended within design and/or construction contracts that will be submitted in advance to City Council for approval.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to submit Federal Attributable Funds roadway improvement project applications to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for consideration for funding within the Transportation Improvement Program and to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute project agreements for approved projects for the Department of Public Service. (\$-0-)

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will be accepting Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) applications through June 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this is an opportunity for the City to secure outside funding for various roadway improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, MORPC requires that a designated official be authorized to submit said applications and execute project agreements for approved projects; and

WHEREAS, MORPC requests that the City "reauthorize" projects submitted prior to 2010 to reaffirm the City's continuing commitment; 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 submit roadway improvement project applications to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for consideration for funding within the Transportation Improvement Program and/or its component sub-programs, the Surface Transportation Program (STP); the Transportation Enhancement Program (TE) and the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CM/AQ) and that City Council hereby endorses applications for the following projects (ordinance numbers, where indicated, refer to the original and/or subsequent authorization actions by City Council):

Projects currently on the TIP that require an "update" application:

· Alum Creek Drive Phase II (Williams Road to Refugee Road). Construction in 2012. Total project cost estimate =

\$22,833,707 (request = \$17,101,813)

- Alum Creek Drive Phase I (Refugee Road to Frebis Road). Construction in 2015. Total project cost estimate = \$21,040,000 (request = \$16,832,000)
- Interstate 70/71 Interchange Arterial Enhancements (East Trench). Construction in 2011. Total project cost estimate = \$42,193,000, (request = \$27,193,000)
- Columbus Signals Project Phase B. Construction in 2012. Total project cost estimate = \$9,536,618, (request = \$9,135,866)
- Columbus Signals Project Phase C. Construction in 2015. Total project cost estimate = \$8,727,692, (request = \$6,293,732)
- Columbus Signals Project Phase D. Construction in 2016. Total project cost estimate = \$11,529,102, (request = \$8,641,230)
- Hard Road Phase A (Sawmill Road to Smoky Row Road). Construction in 2015. Total project cost estimate = \$12,524,000, (request = \$10,019,000)
- Paving the Way (2012- 2015), Total project cost estimate = \$795,000 (request = \$636,000)
- Streetcar Project (Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods). First year of funding in 2013. The project will be based upon further study which will ultimately give the City direction on the feasibility of a streetcar system and additional potential funding sources. Total project cost estimate = \$103,000,000, (request = \$20,000,000)

Potential projects that require a complete application:

- Stelzer Road. Construction in 2013. Total project cost estimate = \$21,200,000, (request = \$16,960,000)
- Lazelle Road. Construction in 2015. Total project cost estimate - \$22,550,000, (request = \$18,040,000)
- SR-161 Shared-Use Path. Construction in 2014. Total project cost estimate = \$2,275,000, (request = \$1,820,000)
- COTA Routes Sidewalks-Phase 2. Construction in 2014. Total project cost estimate = \$5,700,000, (request = \$4,416,000)
- Kinnear Road. Construction in 2016. Total project cost estimate = \$12,300,000, (request = \$9,840,000)
- Interstate 70/71 Arterial Enhancements (Downtown South Freeway). Construction in 2016. Total project cost estimate = \$42,000,000, (request = \$16,000,000)
- Paving the Way (2016-2019), Total project cost estimate = \$885,000 (request = \$708,000)

Section 2. That project additions and substitutions are at the discretion of the Director of Public Service based upon the feasibility of the applications being approved through the scoring process.

Section 3. That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to execute project agreements for approved projects.

Section 4. That in regard to any/all projects for which funding is approved within the context of this application process, the City will assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of construction within its corporate limits minus the portion eligible for federal and state participation and provide maintenance to the improvements in accordance with the provisions of the statutes relating thereto and will make ample financial and other provisions for such maintenance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.