



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Ohio Department of Transportation annually accepts applications to fund projects using Highway Safety Program funds. The Safety Program Committee has reviewed the applications submitted this year and has made decisions on funding projects. These grants require a 10% local match.

This legislation will authorize the Director of Public Service to execute project agreements for approved projects and expend grant funds.

2. AWARDED PROJECTS

The Department of Public Service has received notification of grant awards for the following projects:

FRA-Livingston Avenue-1.68 - Install left-turn lanes on Barnett; construct sidewalk on the east side of Barnett, north of Livingston; and reconstruct the existing traffic signal. This project has been approved for up to \$172,000 in Design funds for FY 2015 and \$720,000 in Construction funds for FY 2017.

FRA-Broad Street-8.64 - Replace existing traffic signal with new strain poles, 12" LED signal heads, reflectorized back plates, and battery backup. This project has been approved for up to \$162,000 in Construction funds for FY 2016.

FRA-Hilliard-Rome Road-3.2 - Widening and interchange improvements south of I-70 at Feder Road. This project has been approved for up to \$3,000,000 for any phase of development.

FRA-Sullivant Avenue-2.06 - Replace existing traffic signal with new strain poles, 12" LED signal heads, reflectorized back plates, and battery backup. Change signal phasing to provide protected/permitted left-turn phases for the Sullivant Avenue approaches. This project has been approved for up to \$162,000 in Construction funds for FY 2016.

3. FISCAL IMPACT

No financial participation is required at this time. City funds will be approved in the form of design contracts and/or construction contracts that will be submitted for Council's approval.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to execute Highway Safety Program project agreement forms and expend grant funds for approved projects for the Department of Public Service on behalf of the City of Columbus and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has awarded Highway Safety Program funds; and

WHEREAS, grant agreements will require execution upon receipt; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that this legislation should be authorized immediately so that funding can be made available for necessary design and construction services for capital improvement projects, 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 is hereby authorized to execute project agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Columbus Department of Public Service for the Highway Safety Program.

SECTION 2. 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.