



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant a temporary construction easement to the Franklin County Engineers for the reconstruction of the Agler Road Bridge over Alum Creek. The 0.117 acre temporary easement will be for 24 months and allow for construction access to perform the reconstruction.

The Franklin County Engineers will be reconstructing the Agler Road Bridge over Alum Creek, in the city's near Northeast Community. The Alum Creek Trail passes underneath this bridge along the east bank, however, there is no access to the regional trail from Agler Road. For many years, the public has requested that a trail connection be built from the roadway to the trail and this County project will build an ADA accessible ramp leading from the roadway directly to the path. The County is also adding a new trail deck along the south side of the new bridge, from Sunbury Road to the Kipp School campus, providing new connectivity for the neighborhood. The project is set to begin construction in early 2022. The Alum Creek Trail will be closed only for short intermittent periods during the 18 month project duration.

Principal Parties:

Franklin County Engineers
970 Dublin Road
Columbus, OH 43215
Ed Herrick, PE (614) 525-3300

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested as it is immediately necessary to sign the temporary easement for the County to meet their federal right-of-way clearance deadline.

Benefits to the Public: This project will create increased access for thousands of residents to and from the Alum Creek Trail. The resulting path completion to Sunbury Road and Cassady Avenue will provide access to a large school campus.

Community Input/Issues: The County did public engagement with the surrounding community and stakeholders in 2019 and 2020.

Area(s) Affected: Northeast (41)

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal action is required at this time.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant a temporary construction easement to the Franklin County Engineers for the reconstruction of the Agler Road Bridge over Alum Creek; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant a temporary construction easement to the Franklin County Engineers for the reconstruction of the Agler Road Bridge over Alum Creek; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to execute the temporary easement for the County to meet their federal

right-of-way clearance deadline, all for the preservation of 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 Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized to grant a temporary construction easement to the Franklin County Engineers for the reconstruction of the Agler Road Bridge over Alum Creek.

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.