



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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Background:

In 1971 the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and other Franklin County jurisdictions through legislation created the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA). The COTA board desires to amend that agreement to allow the City of Dublin to be in the rotation for a board appointment and to rename an advisory board as an advisory panel. This will not change the present authority of Columbus in having seven appointments to the Board of COTA.

Fiscal impact:

None.

To authorize the Mayor and Council President to execute a modification to the Amended Agreement creating the Central Ohio Transit Authority and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Transit Authority was created in 1971 by an agreement authorized by the County of Franklin and legislation passed by municipalities in Franklin County including the City of Columbus with Ordinance No. 33-71; and

WHEREAS, the same political subdivisions now desire to amend that agreement creating the Central Ohio Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the original agreement represent minor changes that include allowing the City of Dublin to be placed in the rotation for a board appointment that are allocated to suburban jurisdictions and a name change for the advisory board to be now named the advisory panel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will maintain its present board representation of seven appointed members out of a total of thirteen and almost all other political jurisdictions have already approved legislation authorizing these amendments; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to execute an amended agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority to ensure timely implementation of the proposed changes, thereby preserving the public health, peace, safety and welfare, now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Mayor of Columbus and the President of Council hereby are authorized to execute the Modification to the Amended Agreement creating the Central Ohio Transit Authority in such form as on file with the City Clerk at the time of passage of this ordinance.

Section 2. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, the ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after its passing if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.