



## Legislation Text

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### 1. BACKGROUND

The City of Columbus ("Columbus") and the City of Dublin ("Dublin") have identified the need for widening and improving Emerald Parkway from Rings Road to Tuttle Crossing Boulevard. 60% of this project is in the City of Columbus. The City of Dublin has been the lead agency during the design phase of this project. Initially a new traffic signal was to be constructed at the intersection of Lakehurst Court and Emerald Parkway; however, value engineering determined that a roundabout would provide better access at a lower cost than the proposed traffic signal. The value engineering process also determined that by widening the south leg of the intersection of Emerald Parkway and Tuttle Crossing (Britton parkway, name changes south of Tuttle Crossing) by approximately 5 feet, the intersection could be re-aligned which would improve the level of service and operation of the signal. Columbus met with Dublin to discuss these issues and Dublin concurred with the conclusion reached by Columbus. Dublin is also changing their design from a proposed traffic signal at Glendon Court to a roundabout.

The improvements contemplated by this project shall include widening Emerald Parkway to 5 lanes at intersections with 4 lanes and a median between intersections, curb and gutter, sidewalks, shared use paths, roundabout at Lakehurst Court, street lighting, regulatory road signage, pavement markings, storm drainage, utility relocation, and landscaping, all in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) criteria. The south leg of the intersection of Emerald Parkway (Britton Parkway) at Tuttle Crossing will be widened for approximately 200' south of Tuttle Crossing Blvd to allow for better alignment and improved level of service at this signal.

This project complies with the recommendation of the Pedestrian Thoroughfare Plan by maximizing sidewalk width and lateral separation from traffic within the constraints of the right-of-way limits. Pedestrian generators and destinations affecting the proposed project include Sterling Software and numerous apartment buildings. Pedestrian Quality of Service analyses show a marked improvement in the score by providing passable sidewalks for all users. Environmental "Green" materials or processes associated with this project include the encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle travel with the installation of sidewalks, curb ramps and shared-use path.

After negotiating the fee proposal with American Structurepoint and the City of Dublin, it has been determined that an additional \$60,000 would be necessary to complete the design. The following legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to modify and increase the reimbursement contract with the City of Dublin to pay the design consultant to alter the plans to include a roundabout.

Ordinance 1366-2009 authorized a reimbursement agreement with the City of Dublin in the amount of \$575,000.00 for design and right of way acquisition for this project.

Ordinance 0351-2010 reduced the amount of this agreement with Dublin by \$300,000.00 so that the City of Columbus could acquire right of way for parcels within Columbus corporate boundaries.

This ordinance modifies the agreement to add \$60,000 in order to perform additional design work.

The amount of this reimbursement agreement including this modification is \$335,000.00

### 2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 is available within the Build America Bonds Fund for the expenditure for this modification.

### 3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

To keep this project on schedule it is necessary authorize these addition funds so the design can be completed and construction can begin in 2011.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to modify and increase a reimbursement agreement with The City of Dublin to provide additional funding for the Emerald Parkway project; to amend the 2010 C.I.B; to authorize the transfer of \$60,000.00 within the Build America Bonds Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$60,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Service currently has a reimbursement agreement with the City of Dublin for the Emerald Parkway project; and

**WHEREAS**, ordinance 1366-2009, passed 11/9/2009 authorized the Director of Public Service to enter into a reimbursement agreement with the City of Dublin for the purpose of designing and acquiring right of way for the Emerald Parkway project in the amount of \$575,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, ordinance 0351-2010 reduced the amount of this agreement in the amount of \$300,000.00 in order to allow the City of Columbus to acquire right of way for parcels within the Columbus corporation limits; and

**WHEREAS**, additional funding is required to allow the consultant to complete the plans for this project so construction may begin; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation authorizes the modification to the agreement to provide for additional design work and funding for that work in the amount of \$60,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a satisfactory proposal has been submitted by the consultant, American Structurepoint, Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the Department of Public Service in that the funding for this agreement should be authorized immediately so the design of the project can continue without delay; now therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to modify and increase the reimbursement agreement with the City of Dublin for the Emerald Parkway project, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, to provide additional design work.

**SECTION 2.** That the 2010 Capital Improvement Budget be amended to provide sufficient authority for this project as follows:

Fund / Project Number / Project / Current CIB Amount / Amendment Amount / CIB Amount

746 / 530282-100057 / Resurfacing - Resurfacing 2010 Project 6 / \$441,294.00 / (\$60,000.00) / \$381,294.00

746 / 530161-100003 / Roadway Improvements - Emerald Parkway / \$275,000.00 / \$60,000.00 / \$335,000.00

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer \$60,000.00 within Fund 746, the Build America Bonds Fund, Dept-Div 59-12, Division of Design and Construction as follows:

TRANSFER FROM

Fund / Project / Project Name / OL 01-03 Codes / OCA Code / amount

746 / 530282-100057 / Resurfacing - Resurfacing 2010 Project 6 / 06-6600 / 768257 / \$60,000.00

TRANSFER TO

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 / OCA Code / Amount

746 / 530161-100003 / Roadway Improvements - Emerald Parkway / 06-6600 / 743161 / \$60,000.00

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure of \$60,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary be authorized from Fund 746, the Build America Bonds Fund, Dept./Div. 59-12; OCA Code 743161; Object Level 01-03 Codes 06-6682, for the purpose of providing funding for this modification.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** 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.