



Legislation Text

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Background: The City of Columbus, Transportation Division, is engaged in the Demorest/Sullivant Improvement project. The project will reconstruct Demorest Road from Glorious Avenue to Parkside Road and Sullivant Avenue from a point 345' west of Wilson Road to a point 62' east of Southampton Avenue. Improvements will be made to turning radii, pavement, sidewalks, handicapped ramps, drainage structures, traffic control devices and street lighting. The City originally began acquisition of right-of-way in 2000. As a result of updated design standards for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) it has been determined that additional right-of-way will be required before construction of the proposed improvements can begin. This legislation establishes funding for acquisition of additional right-of-way necessary to install ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps throughout this project. Preliminary acquisition cost estimates indicate \$80,000.00 will be required for acquisition-related activities, including title and closing costs, appraisal fees, other staff costs, and acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests and to the recently identified additional property needed for this project. This ordinance authorizes the City Attorney to expend \$80,000.00 for this purpose.

Fiscal Impact: The Transportation Division budgeted \$2.14 million in the 2004 Capital Improvements Budget (CIB) for Roadway Improvements. All of the funds from the July 2004 bond sale for Roadway Improvements have either been expended or encumbered. This ordinance authorizes \$80,000 for acquisition-related expenses for the Demorest/Sullivant Improvement project. Therefore, funds to pay for the property acquisition must be transferred from within the Transportation Division's 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund from the Krumm Park project to Roadway Improvements.

Emergency action is requested to allow right-of-way acquisition-related activities to be resumed by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, as soon as possible.

To authorize the transfer of \$80,000.00 between projects within the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund; to authorize the City Attorney to engage in acquisition-related activities including the acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for the Demorest/Sullivant Improvement project for the Transportation Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$80,000.00 from the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$80,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Transportation Division, is engaged in the Demorest/Sullivant Improvement project; and

WHEREAS, this project will improve turning radii, pavement, sidewalks, handicapped ramps, drainage structures, traffic control devices, and street lighting within the Demorest/Sullivant Improvement project boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City originally began acquisition of right-of-way for this project in 2000; and

WHEREAS, as a result of updated design standards for ADA compliance it has been determined that additional right-of-way will be required before construction of the proposed improvements can begin; and

WHEREAS, this legislation establishes funding for acquisition of additional right-of-way to construct ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps throughout this project; and

WHEREAS, preliminary acquisition cost estimates indicate \$80,000.00 will be required for acquisition-related activities, including title and closing costs, appraisal fees, other staff costs and acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to recently identified additional property needed for this project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Public Service Department, Transportation Division, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Attorney to expend the funds necessary to hire professional services and begin acquisition of necessary additional right-of-way for the Demorest/Sullivant Improvement project so that reconstruction of these

roadways can begin without further delay, 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 transfer of \$80,000.00 between projects within Fund 704, the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, Department No. 59-09, Transportation Division, be and hereby is authorized as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

Project Number / Project / Object Level 01/03 Codes / OCA Code

530010 / Krumm Park / 06/6600 / 644385

Total Transfer From: \$80,000.00

TRANSFER TO:

Project Number / Project / Object Level 01/03 Codes / OCA Code

530161 / Roadway Improvements / 06/6601/ 644385

Total Transfer To: \$80,000.00

SECTION 2. That the City Attorney be and hereby is authorized to begin the acquisition-related activities necessary to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to those additional parcels needed for the Demorest-Sullivant Improvement project and to expend those funds required to pay said related acquisition costs.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose of paying for said costs the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, be and hereby is authorized to expend \$80,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from Fund 704, the 1995, 1999 Voted Streets and Highways Fund, Department 59-09; Transportation Division, Object Level One Code 06, Object Level Three Code 6601, OCA Code 644385 and Project 530161.

SECTION 4. 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.