



Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation authorizes the Public Service Director to enter into a contract for the Transportation Division for a professional services engineering contract for the I-670/Fourth Street Improvement Study project with TranSystems in the amount of \$300,000.00. A professional services contract for engineering is needed to assure timely completion of the design because the Transportation Division does not maintain adequate staff or all of the various disciplines necessary to complete such design in house. This project will develop alternative design alignments and traffic analysis that will be included in an Interchange Modification Study for submission to the Federal Highway Administration which will include alternatives for the realignment of the westbound I-670 off-ramp to Fourth Street. Goals of the realignment will be to slow traffic entering Italian Village from I-670 and decrease weaving that occurs in this area of the freeway thereby possibly reducing the number of crashes. This contract will also provide for the development of final construction plans for aesthetic enhancements (including landscaping) along the Fourth Street corridor near I-670 and the area along Park Street and Goodale Avenue at I-670.

The selection process for the professional service contract has been done in accordance with provisions of Chapter 329.12 of Columbus City Codes 1959. 31 majority firms, and 5 minority firms were solicited to submit proposals, 4 majority firms submitted a proposal: EMH&T, Kinzelman Kline Grossman, ms Consultants, and TranSystems.

The evaluation committee determined that TranSystems, CC # 43-0839725 (expiring 10/29/09), submitted the best overall proposal for this work.

Emergency action is requested so that the landscaping portion of this contract can be completed and advertised for bid next spring thus keeping commitments made to the local community.

Fiscal Impact: Funds are budgeted and available for this expenditure from the 1995, 1999, 2004 Voted Streets and Highways Fund.

To authorize the Public Service Director to enter into a contract for the Transportation Division with TranSystems for the I-670/Fourth Street Improvement Study project; to authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the 1995, 1999, 2004 Voted Street and Highway Funds for the Transportation Division; and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

WHEREAS, there is a need to perform a study to evaluate the configuration and alignment of the westbound I-670 off-ramp to Fourth Street and propose alternatives that will improve the safety in the area, and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service has further identified a need to provide aesthetic features on the Park Street/Goodale bridge over I-670, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Service has identified the need to enter into a professional service contract for the preparation of preliminary engineering documents for the I-670/Fourth Street Improvement Study project and the preparation of contract construction drawings for the landscaping of the Park/Goodale bridge over I-670;

WHEREAS, a satisfactory proposal has been submitted by TranSystems; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service, Transportation Division, in that the contract should go forth immediately so that the work may proceed without 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 Director of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with TranSystems, 5747 Perimeter Drive, Suite 240, Dublin, OH, 43017 in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the preliminary engineering of the I-670/Fourth Street Improvement Study project and the preparation of contract construction drawings for the landscaping of the Park/Goodale bridge over I-670.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost thereof, the sum of \$300,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the 1995, 1999, 2004 Voted Street and Highway Fund for the Transportation Division, Dept-Div 59-09 as follows:

Project Number/ Project Name / O.L. 01/03 Codes / OCA Code
590106 / I-670/4th Street / 06/6682 / 644385

SECTION 3. 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 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.