



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 preliminary engineering contract for the Lazelle Road Improvement project with Gannett Fleming, Engineers and Architects, P. C., in the amount of \$531,627.00. The project is located on Lazelle Road between State Route 23 to the west and Worthington-Galena Road to the east. The purpose of the project is to investigate engineering alternatives for the widening, drainage, and streetscape features of Lazelle Road, as well as for two railroad bridges within the proposed project limits.

The study will include recommendations for "Complete Streets" features. The Complete Streets concept includes bike paths or bike lanes, sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, lane widths, and medians. If these features are found to be suitable for including in the future final design, the study will make recommendations for their inclusion. The study will look at existing sidewalks in the area, as well as pedestrian generators and destinations, and make recommendations for connectivity within the neighborhood. The study will investigate existing and proposed bicycle facilities and make recommendations for appropriate facilities for the Lazelle Road Improvement. ADA requirements will be incorporated in the final design of the project.

A professional services contract for engineering is needed to assure timely completion of the design and as the Transportation Division does not maintain adequate staff or all of the various disciplines necessary to complete such design in house.

The selection process for the professional service contract has been done in accordance with provisions of Chapter 329.12 of Columbus City Codes, 1959. Eleven majority firms submitted proposals: Gannett-Fleming Engineers and Architects, P. C.; R. D. Zande & Associates, Inc.; EMH&T, Inc.; American Structurepoint, Inc.; URS, Inc.; Transystems Corporation; ms consultants, inc.; HNTB Ohio, Inc.; CMT, Inc.; E. L. Robinson, Inc.; and PBS & J, Inc. One MBE firm submitted a proposal: Moody-Nolan, Inc. One RMB firm submitted a proposal: DLZ Ohio, Inc. One ASN firm submitted a proposal: Barr & Prevost, Ltd.

The evaluation committee determined that Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, P.C., CC # 232935505 (expiring 6/11/10) submitted the best overall proposal at a competitive price for this work.

Emergency action is requested so that this project can proceed in a timely manner and keep commitments made to the local community.

Fiscal Impact: Funds in the amount of \$531,627.00 are budgeted and available for this project within the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund.

To authorize the Public Service Director to enter into a professional service contract with Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, P. C., for the preliminary engineering of the Lazelle Road Improvement project; to authorize the expenditure of \$531,627.00 from the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund for the Transportation Division; and to declare an emergency. (\$531,627.00)

WHEREAS, there is a need a preliminary engineering study for the improvement of existing pavement, drainage and bridges on Lazelle Road between State Route 23 and Worthington-Galena Road, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Service has identified the need to enter into a professional service contract for the preparation of a preliminary engineering source document for the Lazelle Road Improvement project and;

WHEREAS, a satisfactory proposal has been submitted by Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, P. C.; 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 Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, P. C., in the amount not to exceed \$531,627.00 for the engineering of the Lazelle Road Improvement project.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost thereof, the sum of \$531,627.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund for the Transportation Division, Dept-Div. 59-09, OCA code 644385, Object Level 01/03 Codes 06/6682, and project 530103 (Arterial Street Rehabilitation).

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.