



## Legislation Text

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To authorize the Public Service Director to submit Federal Attributable Funds roadway improvement project applications to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for consideration for funding within the Transportation Improvement Program; to authorize the Public Service Director to execute project agreements for approved projects for the Transportation Division and to declare an emergency. (\$-0-)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will be accepting Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) applications through July 31, 2008. This is an opportunity for the City to secure outside funding for various roadway improvement projects. MORPC has up to \$44.7 million to distribute to all applicants for new projects from 2010 through 2017.

The current round of applications will be establishing the 2010-2013 TIP, as well as its long-range project listing for 2014 through 2017. The Transportation Improvement Program is composed of these component sub-programs: The Surface Transportation Program (STP); the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) and the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CM/AQ). MORPC requires that a designated official be authorized to submit said applications and execute project agreements for approved projects.

In addition to funding applications for projects not previously submitted, under its new rules MORPC requests the City "reauthorize" projects submitted prior to 2008 to reaffirm the City's continuing commitment to those projects.

This ordinance authorizes the Public Service Director to submit applications and to execute project agreements for approved projects. Specific projects for which applications will likely be submitted are listed within the body of this ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact:** The TIP can fund up to eighty percent (80%) of total right-of-way and construction expenses. Preliminary engineering and design expenses are not eligible for funding. No financial participation is required at this time. City funds will be expended within design and/or construction contracts that will be submitted in advance to City Council for approval.

Emergency action is requested to meet MORPC's July 31, 2008, application submittal deadline.

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will be accepting Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) applications through July 31, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, this is an opportunity for the City to secure outside funding for various roadway improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, MORPC requires that a designated official be authorized to submit said applications and execute project agreements for approved projects; and

**WHEREAS**, MORPC requests that the City "reauthorize" projects submitted prior to **2008** to reaffirm the City's continuing commitment; 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 submission of these roadway improvement project applications in order to meet MORPC's July 31, 2008, application submittal deadline, 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 Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to submit roadway improvement project applications to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for consideration for funding within the Transportation Improvement Program and/or its component sub-programs, the Surface Transportation Program (STP); the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) and the

Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CM/AQ) and that City Council hereby endorses applications for the following projects (ordinance numbers, where indicated, refer to the original and/or subsequent authorization actions by City Council):

Projects currently on the TIP that require an "update" application:

- Alum Creek Drive Phase II (Williams Road to Refugee Road). Construction in 2010. Total project cost estimate = \$22,946,442 (STP request = \$17,156,000) (Ordinance 1882-1994)
- Hilliard Rome Road (I-70 to Roberts Road). Construction in 2009. Total project cost estimate = \$10,963,000, (STP request = \$8,700,000) (Ordinances 1249-1994, 1244-1998)
- Columbus Signals Project Phase A. Construction in 2009. Total project cost estimate = \$5,612,000, (CMAQ request = \$4,554,000)
- Columbus Signals Project Phase B. Construction in 2010. Total project cost estimate = \$5,653,000, (CMAQ request = \$4,924,318)
- Columbus Signals Project Phase C. Construction in 2012. Total project cost estimate = \$5,951,220, (CMAQ request = \$5,115,660)
- Columbus Signals Project Phase D. Construction in 2014. Total project cost estimate = \$8,228,000, (CMAQ request = \$7,084,000)
- Hard Road Phase A (Sawmill to Smoky Row). Construction in 2014. Total project cost estimate = \$5,940,000, (STP request = \$4,752,000) (Ordinance 1021-1992)
- Paving the Way (2008 - Beyond 2011) - Paving The Way Program 2008-2011, Total project cost estimate = \$875,000 (STP request = \$700,000) 2012-2013, Total project cost estimate = \$450,000 (STP request = \$360,000)
- Streetcar Project (Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods). Construction will be based upon a study which will ultimately give us direction on the feasibility of a streetcar system and potential funding sources. Project estimate: \$100,000,000.

Potential projects that require a complete application:

- Alum Creek Drive Phase I (US 33 to Refugee Road). Construction beyond 2014. Total project cost estimate = \$22,946,442 (STP request = \$17,156,000) (Ordinance 1882-1994)
- Gender Road (US33 to Shannon Road). Construction beyond 2012. Project estimated at \$10,000,000
- Gender Road (Shannon Road to Chantry Drive). Construction beyond 2012. Project estimated at \$10,000,000
- Hamilton Road (I-70 to I-270). Construction beyond 2012. Project estimated at \$23,000,000
- Sunbury Road (I-270 to SR 161). Construction estimated beyond 2010. Project estimated at \$5,000,000
- I 70/71 Caps. Construction will be based upon a study to determine which bridges over I 70/71 split should be capped. Project estimate: \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

**SECTION 2.** That project additions and substitutions are at the discretion of the Public Service Director based upon the feasibility of the applications being approved through the scoring process.

**SECTION 3.** That the Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to execute project agreements for approved projects.

**SECTION 4.** That in regard to any/all projects for which funding is approved within the context of this application process, the City

will assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of construction within its corporate limits minus the portion eligible for federal and state participation and provide maintenance to the improvements in accordance with the provisions of the statutes relating thereto and will make ample financial and other provisions for such maintenance.

**SECTION 5.** 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.