



Legislation Text

File #: 1495-2014, **Version:** 1

Background:

The Camp Chase Rail Trail will build a crosswalk at Hague Avenue. In order to construct a safe at-grade crossing, two AEP utility poles must be relocated. The relocation of the poles will significantly improve the sight distance and safety for trail users and motorists.

The Camp Chase Rail Trail will be a 17 mile long regional trail serving the west side of the city, extending west to Madison County. The rail company agreed to provide the city and Franklin County Metroparks with a trail easement along the active line, and 3 phases of construction have been completed.

The Camp Chase Rail Trail will be the major regional trail of the West Side of Columbus. It will serve thousands of residents, employers, and provide direct connectivity to attractions, parks, schools, and neighborhoods along the 3.5 miles of the project. When completed, the trail will connect to the regional trail system of Central Ohio, and will be a segment of the 325 mile Ohio to Erie Trail, from Cincinnati to Columbus and Cleveland.

Several public meetings have been held. The project has received overwhelming support from residents, civic associations, Hilltop Area Commission, and local businesses.

Principal Parties:

Vendor Name: AEP Ohio
Vendor Address: 850 Tech Center Dr., Gahanna, OH 43230
Vendor Contact Name and Phone: Pat Feeney - 614-883-6873
Contract Compliance Number: 13-4922640
Contract Compliance Expiration Date: February 25, 2015
Number of Columbus Based Employees: 200+

Emergency Justification:

The project must be commenced to prepare the trail corridor for construction. The work must be performed by a specialized contractor and be completed in two months to avoid delays to the rail operations and trail construction.

Fiscal Impact:

\$24,584.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract. Contingent upon the City's 2014 Bond Sale.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with AEP Ohio for the Camp Chase Trail utility pole relocation project; to authorize the expenditure of \$24,584.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$24,584.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into contract with the AEP Ohio for the Camp Chase Trail Utility Pole Relocation Project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract so that the trail corridor is prepared for construction thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is authorized to enter into contract with AEP Ohio for the Camp Chase Trail utility pole relocation project.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$24,584.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 702, as follows:

Project	OCA Code	Object Level 3	Amount
510316-100115 (Planning Area 15 Greenways)	716115	6621	\$24,584.00

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. 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 legislation.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.