



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee Road (FRA-CR222 Gender Road at Refugee, PID 90241) project.

The City of Columbus, Department of Public Service, is engaged in the Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee Road (FRA-CR222 Gender Road at Refugee, PID 90241) project. Improvements at the intersection of Gender Road and Refugee Road include constructing additional turn lanes, new sidewalks, shared use path, curb and gutter, curb ramps, bike lanes, pedestrian signal improvements, traffic signal modifications, bus landings, street lighting, street trees, storm sewers, driveway aprons and post construction stormwater best management practices.

This project is located in the Eastland/Brice Area (Community Planning Area 24). The project limits are Gender Road from approximately 1,700' south of its intersection with Refugee Road to approximately 1,350' north of said intersection and Refugee Road from approximately 1,050' west of its intersection with Gender Road to approximately 1,050' east of said intersection.

The Department of Public Service is currently finalizing construction plans and is prepared to authorize right-of-way acquisition pending passage of this funding legislation.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of this ordinance is \$500,000.00 funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Service.

Funds in the amount of \$318,000 are available for this project in Fund 765, the Federal-State Highway Engineering Fund, and funds in the amount of \$182,000.00 are available for this project in the Streets and Highways G.O. Bond Fund, both within the Department of Public Service. An amendment to the 2014 Capital Improvements fund is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to provide necessary right-of-way acquisition funding and prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program.

To amend the 2014 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer cash and appropriation within the Streets and Highways Improvement Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer cash between the Streets and Highways Improvements Fund and the Federal-State Highway Engineering Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to appropriate \$500,000.00 within the Federal-State Highway Engineering Fund; to authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division to contract for professional services relative to the acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for the Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee Road (FRA-CR222 Gender Road at Refugee, PID 90241) project and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way necessary to complete this project; to authorize the expenditure of \$500,000.00 from the Fed-State Highway Engineering Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Service is engaged in the Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee Road (FRA-CR222 Gender Road at Refugee, PID 90241) project; and

WHEREAS, this project will construct additional turn lanes, new sidewalks, shared use path, curb and gutter, curb ramps, bike lanes, pedestrian signal improvements, traffic signal modifications, bus landings, street lighting, street trees, storm sewers, driveway aprons and post construction stormwater best management practices; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office Real Estate Division to expend \$500,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee Road (FRA-CR222 Gender Road at Refugee, PID 90241) project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that this ordinance should be authorized immediately so that funding can be made available for the necessary right-of-way acquisition for the project to prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program, 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 2014 Capital Improvement Budget authorized by Ordinance 0683-2014 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

Fund / Project / Project Name / Current / Change / Amended

766 / 766999-100000 / Unallocated Balance (Street & Highway Improvement Carryover) / \$804,009 / (\$182,000) / \$622,009

766 / 530086-100023 / Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee (Street & Highway Improvement Carryover) / \$2,639 / \$182,000 / \$184,639

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate the sum of up to \$182,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Streets and Highways Improvement Fund, Fund 766, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, as follows:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

766 / 766999-100000 / Unallocated Balance / 06-6600 / 766999 / \$182,000.00

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer cash and appropriation within the Streets and Highways Improvement Fund, No. 766, as follows:

Transfer from:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

766 / 766999-100000 / Unallocated Balance / 06-6600 / 766999 / \$182,000.00

Transfer to:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

766 / 530086-100023 / Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee / 10-5501 / 768623 / \$182,000.00

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer cash between the Streets and Highways Improvement Fund, No. 766, and the Federal-State Highway Engineering Fund, No. 765, as follows:

Transfer from:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount

766 / 530086-100023 / Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee / 10-5501 / 768623 / \$182,000.00

Transfer to:

Fund / Grant / Grant Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount
765 / 591229-100000 / Gender Road PID90241 / 80-0886 / 591229 / \$182,000.00

SECTION 5. That from the unappropriated monies in the Federal-State Highway Engineering Fund, No. 765, and from any and all sources estimated to come into said fund and unappropriated for any other purpose during the period ending December 31, 2014, the sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated for the Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction, as follows:

Dept-Div / Fund / Grant / Grant Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount
59-12 / 765 / 591229-100000 / Gender Road PID90241 / 06-6600 / 591229 / \$500,000.00

SECTION 6. That the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, be, and hereby is, authorized to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate, to contract for professional services, and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way needed to complete the Intersection Improvements - Gender Road at Refugee Road (FRA-CR222 Gender Road at Refugee, PID 90241) project.

SECTION 7. That for the purpose of paying the cost of this contract the sum of up to \$500,000.00 or so much as thereof may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Federal-State Highway Engineering Fund, No. 765 as follows:

Fund / Project / Project Name / O.L. 01-03 Codes / OCA / Amount
59-12 / 765 / 591229-100000 / Gender Road PID90241 / 06-6601 / 591229 / \$500,000.00

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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.