



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The following legislation authorizes the City Attorney's Real Estate Division to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Alum Creek Drive - Frebis to Refugee project, also known as FRA-CR122-6.22 (PID 85017).

This project, located in the Near South Area (Community Planning Area 22), includes the widening and reconstruction of the existing two lane roadway of Alum Creek Drive to a five lane roadway with a two-way left turn lane, from Refugee Road to a point 0.21 miles north of Frebis Avenue, and the addition of a 10' shared use path on the east side and a 5' sidewalk on the west side of Alum Creek Drive.

The estimated cost for right-of-way acquisition is \$250,000.00.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 are available for this project in the Streets and Highways Bonds Fund within the Department of Public Service.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

The department is requesting emergency designation so as to provide necessary right-of-way acquisition funding and to prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program.

To authorize the City Attorney's Real Estate Division to contract for professional services related to the acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for the Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Alum Creek Drive - Frebis to Refugee project; to authorize the City Attorney's Real Estate Division to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way necessary to complete this project; to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bonds Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, this project will widen Alum Creek Drive to a five lane roadway from Refugee Road North to a point 0.21 miles north of Frebis Avenue, adding sidewalks and shared use path; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Real Estate Division to expend \$250,000.00 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 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Alum Creek Drive - Frebis to Refugee project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Departments of Public Service in that this ordinance should be authorized immediately in order to prevent unnecessary delays in the Department'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 City Attorney's 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 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Alum Creek Drive - Frebis to Refugee project.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose of paying the cost of this contract the sum of up to \$250,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund as follows:

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

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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 ordinance.

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.