



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** In April of 2015, the Academy Park Suspension bridge connecting Franklin Park and Wolfe Park suffered a failure of the north cable supports. The bridge was closed for public use, and an emergency stabilization project was completed in May of 2015 to temporarily support the bridge and assess damages. An engineering plan for detailed repairs was completed in September. The plan specified new cables, new anchorages, and replacement of deck hangers. The bridge is a unique structure, and requires specialized construction and materials to complete the repair. The department is requesting that this legislation be entered as an emergency ordinance so that the contractor can begin work as soon as possible in order to reopen this important trail and park connector.

The Academy Park Suspension bridge spans Alum Creek south of Broad Street entering into Wolfe Park. Built by the city in 1922, the structure is the only remaining cable suspension bridge in Central Ohio, and is an important bridge on the regional Alum Creek Trail used by thousands of residents and visitors yearly. By completing these repairs, the 93-year-old bridge will remain a landmark for the near east side, and a key linkage of the 22-mile Alum Creek Trail.

The cost for this project will be \$597,548.00 with a contingency of \$59,000.00 for a total of \$656,548.00.

Bids were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on September 9, 2015 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on October 7, 2015. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Righter Co	(MAJ)	\$597,548

After reviewing the proposals that were submitted, it was determined that Righter Co. was the lowest and most responsive bidder.

Righter Co. and all proposed subcontractors have met code requirements with respect to pre-qualification, pursuant to relevant sections of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

### Principal Parties:

The Righter Company, Inc.

2424 Harrison Road

Columbus, OH 43204

Contact Name and Phone: Bradley Nadolson 614-272-9700

Contract Compliance Number: 310889208

Contract Compliance Expiration Date:

Number of Columbus Based Employees: 25+

**Emergency Justification:** 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 work may start during the current construction season in order to be completed by the start of programming in 2016. The disabled condition of the bridge poses a concern for public safety, as well as a trail detour along a busy city street, and potential further damage to the existing deck and structure.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$656,548.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Righter Co., Inc. for the Academy Park Suspension Bridge 2015 Project; to authorize the expenditure of \$597,548.00 with a contingency of \$59,000.00 for a total of \$656,548.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$656,548.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to amend the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$656,548.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Righter Co., Inc. for the Academy Park Suspension Bridge 2015 Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Director of Recreation and Parks to authorize the expenditure of \$597,548.00 with a contingency of \$59,000.00 for a total of \$656,548.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$656,548.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract so that work may start during the current construction season in order to be completed by the start of programming in 2016, thereby preserving the public health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Righter Co., Inc. for the Academy Park Suspension Bridge 2015 Project.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$597,548.00 with a contingency of \$59,000.00, for a total of \$656,548.00, is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund.

**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 the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer \$656,548.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 702 for the projects listed below:

**FROM:**

Project	OCA Code	Object Level 3	Amount
510316-100000 (Greenways Projects)	644625	6621	\$656,548.00

**TO:**

Project	OCA Code	Object Level 3	Amount
510316-100119 (Planning Area 19 Trail Improvements/Acquisitions)	716119	6621	\$656,548.00

**SECTION 7.** That the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 0557-2015 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this and future legislation.

**CURRENT:**

Fund 702; 510316-100000; Greenways Projects; \$1,796,421 (SIT Supported)

Fund 702; 510316-100119; Planning Area 19 Trail Improvements/Acquisitions; \$0 (SIT Supported)

**AMENDED TO:**

Fund 702; 510316-100000; Greenways Projects; \$1,139,873 (SIT Supported)

Fund 702; 510316-100119; Planning Area 19 Trail Improvements/Acquisitions; \$656,548 (SIT Supported)

**SECTION 8.** For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$656,548.00 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
510316-100119 (Planning Area 19 Trail Improvements)	716119	6621	\$656,548.00

**SECTION 9.** 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.