



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction, in cooperation with the Development Department, uses Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) money to design and construct projects that enhance economic growth within the City. Past UIRF projects have included streetscape enhancements and roadway improvements.

Occasionally these UIRF projects require that the Division of Design and Construction acquire additional permanent and temporary right of way for installation of streetlights, street trees, sidewalks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps.

At this time, the Development Department and the Department of Public Service desire to establish an additional \$100,000.00 UIRF right of way acquisition contingency fund. This money will be used in the same manner as the original contingency fund by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to acquire small parcels of additional right of way for miscellaneous UIRF projects when requested to do so by the Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

The following legislation establishes a \$100,000.00 UIRF right of way acquisition contingency fund and authorizes the City Attorney to expend said funds to acquire small parcels of additional right of way for miscellaneous UIRF projects and for other right of way expenses when requested to do so by the Department of Public Service. Monies to pay for these costs are available within the Streets and Highways G.O. Bonds Fund, No. 7704.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

This money will be used to acquire small parcels of additional right of way for miscellaneous UIRF projects. It is essential the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, be authorized to hire professional services, acquire the rights of way and expend the funds necessary to complete miscellaneous UIRF projects as soon as possible.

To authorize the establishment of a \$100,000.00 right of way acquisition contingency fund to be used to acquire small parcels of additional right of way for Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund projects; to authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to expend up to \$100,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bonds Fund for these miscellaneous acquisitions; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction, in cooperation with the Development Department uses Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds (UIRF) to design and construct projects that enhance economic growth within the City; and

WHEREAS, past UIRF projects have included streetscape enhancements and roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, occasionally these projects require the acquisition of small parcels of additional right of way; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Development Department and the Department of Public Service desire to establish an additional \$100,000.00 UIRF right of way acquisition contingency fund; and

WHEREAS, this money will be used in the same manner as the original contingency fund by the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to acquire small parcels of additional right of way for miscellaneous UIRF projects and other right

of way expenses when requested to do so by the Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to provide funding for right of way for other projects as needed, 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 Office, Real Estate Division, be and hereby is authorized to acquire small parcels of additional right of way and pay for other right of way expenses for miscellaneous UIRF projects when requested to do so by the Department of Public Service, Division of Design and Construction.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$100,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 Streets and Highways GO Bonds Fund in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.