



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The following legislation 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 Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals 540007-100030 project.

The Department of Public Service is currently engaged in the Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals project, which will upgrade traffic signals in Downtown area (Community Planning Area 18): Grant/Oak, Oak/Washington, Grant/State, Grant/Town, and Town/Washington. The Department of Public Service is currently finalizing construction plans and is prepared to authorize right-of-way acquisition pending passage of this legislation.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 are available for this project in the Streets and Highways Bond Fund within the Department of Public Service. An amendment to the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget 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 2016 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer cash and appropriation between projects within the Streets and Highways Bond 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 Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals project; to authorize the City Attorney's Office, 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 up to \$75,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service is engaged in the Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals project; and

WHEREAS, this project will upgrade traffic signal equipment at signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office Real Estate Division to expend \$75,000.00 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 Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2016 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 Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the above actions so that funding can be made available for the necessary right-of-way acquisition for the project, 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 2016 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by ordinance 0960-2016 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

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

7704 / 540007-100044 / Traffic Signal Installation - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons - Hayden Rd - Morse Rd - Sunbury Rd (Voted Carryover) / \$59,707.00 / (\$25,186.00) / \$34,521.00

7704 / 540007-100035 / Traffic Signal Installation - Livingston Avenue at Wager Street (Voted Carryover) / \$38,658.00 / (\$38,658.00) / \$0.00

7704 / 540007-100029 / Traffic Signal Installation - Neil Avenue Signals (Voted Carryover) / \$11,156.00 / (\$11,156.00) / \$0.00

7704 / 540007-100030 / Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals (Voted Carryover) / \$0.00 / \$75,000.00 / \$75,000.00

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$75,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within Fund 7704 Streets and Highways Bond Fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals project.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of up to \$75,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 Streets and Highways Bond Fund in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attached spreadsheet.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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.