



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Burgess and Niple for engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector. Stage one will develop the preliminary plans for the project, including bridge type, public involvement, utility coordination, and environmental inventory. A modification for the contract will be submitted in 2018 for Stage Two detailed plan development.

The Department was awarded Clean Ohio Trails Funds in May of 2017 to assist towards construction of the bridge. The Arena District Connector will build a bridge from the Olentangy Trail to a newly improved Nationwide Boulevard in downtown Columbus. The bridge will be a direct connection from the regional trail for thousands of residents and workers in the Arena District. The project will coincide with major city projects at the west end of Nationwide Boulevard, including large scale office and residential developments, biking and walking improvements to the street, and a future park development along the east bank of the Olentangy. The bridge also provides a significant non-motorized transportation facility to a heavily congested downtown area.

The costs for this project will be \$202,708.33.

Proposals were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on March 15, 2017 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on April 14, 2017. Proposals were received from the following companies:

Company

Burgess & Niple (MAJ)
Prime AE (MAJ)
Korda Engineering (MAJ)
GPD Group (MAJ)
EMH&T (MAJ)

In accordance with City Code, a selection team evaluated the proposals and recommended Burgess and Niple be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their reference projects, experience, qualifications, availability, timeline, and project approach.

Principal Parties:

Burgess and Niple
5085 Reed Road, Columbus, OH 43220
614-459-2050
CC#: 31-0885550
Exp Date: 2/4/18

Emergency Justification: An emergency is being requested in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract as the grant funding for this project requires the engineering be completed by the end of 2017.

Benefits to the Public: Over 2 million people visit the Arena District each year. The district contains major attractions, special events, employment centers, and rapidly expanding residential living. The Olentangy Trail travels along the west side of the river, and thousands of trail users cannot ride, walk, run, or access the east side. The connector bridge will provide a safe, direct, non-motorized corridor into and from the heart of the Arena District. And the bridge will connect

to a 120 mile trail network spanning the entire region.

Community Input Issues: Several planning documents and studies recommend safe, easy access to the north side of downtown. Non-motorized active transportation is considered one of the key draws to the downtown as a place to live, work, and play. Current trail access is limited to an indirect route, and many residents inquire about the feasibility of a better, more direct, connectivity.

Area(s) Affected: Greater downtown area, Olentangy Trail, all neighborhoods west of 315.
Planning Area: 18

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors. Improving the environmental health of the city's waterways; improving recreational access to streams; providing long-term protection corridors for water quality and trail development.

Fiscal Impact: \$202,708.33 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 and Street and Highways General Obligations Bond Fund 7704 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Burgess and Niple for engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector; to authorize the expenditure of \$202,708.33 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund and Street and Highways General Obligations Bond Fund; to amend the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$202,708.33)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Burgess and Niple for engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$202,708.33 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 and Street and Highways General Obligations Bond Fund 7704; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Recreation and Parks in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with Burgess and Niple for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector due to the grant funding for this project requires that the engineering be completed by the end of 2017; **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 and directed to enter into contract with Burgess and Niple for engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector.

SECTION 2. 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 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 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 5. That the transfer of \$202,708.33 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 and Street and Highways General Obligations Bond Fund 7704 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the 2017 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1124-2017 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this legislation and future projects.

CURRENT:

Fund 7702; P510306-100003; Greenways - Olentangy Trail - Arena District Bridge; \$0 (Voted Carryover)

Fund 7702; P510316-201603; Greenways - Confluence Improvements; \$175,000 (Voted Carryover)

Fund 7704; P590415-100015; Roadway Improvements - Nationwide Boulevard and Hocking Street Improvements; \$0 (Unvoted Carryover)

Fund 7704; P590416-100001; Roadway Improvements - Poindexter Village Roadways; \$693,547 (Unvoted Carryover)

AMENDED TO:

Fund 7702; P510306-100003; Greenways - Olentangy Trail - Arena District Bridge; \$101,354 (Voted Carryover)

Fund 7702; P510316-201603; Greenways - Confluence Improvements; \$73,646 (Voted Carryover)

Fund 7704; P590415-100015; Roadway Improvements - Nationwide Boulevard and Hocking Street Improvements; \$101,354 (Unvoted Carryover)

Fund 7704; P590416-100001; Roadway Improvements - Poindexter Village Roadways; \$592,193 (Unvoted Carryover)

SECTION 7. For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$202,708.33 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 and Streets and Highways General Obligations Bond Fund 7704 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment.

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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.