



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 2378-2017, **Version:** 1

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. for a revised segment of the Camp Chase Trail - Sullivant Avenue to Georgesville Road.

The Camp Chase Trail is one of the city's most significant regional trails. Development of the trail began 10 years ago, and over 14 miles of trail have been completed. This is the final segment of the trail, and will open the entire 15 miles of the path, from Madison County to the Hilltop community.

Plans for the project were developed by the Department of Public Service in 2016. During right-of-way acquisition, it was determined that a segment of the path was not feasible to construct, due to construction costs and private property impacts. This project will revise the plans for this segment.

The Camp Chase Trail is also the route of the nationally significant Ohio to Erie Trail, connecting Columbus to Cincinnati and Cleveland.

The department is requesting the waiver of the formal bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes to enter into a contract with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. as they will provide the City with cost savings, accelerated schedule, and ability to add the segment to the existing construction project.

The costs for this project will be \$46,654.00.

**Principal Parties:**

Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc.  
1650 Watermark Drive, Suite 200  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Brooks Vogel 614-487-1650  
31-0922991  
Exp. 5/24/19

**Emergency Justification:** An emergency is being requested in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract due to the schedule deadlines imposed by the State of Ohio grant agreement.

**Bid Waiver Request:** Korda Engineering was the firm who previously completed the permits and plans for the Camp Chase Trail completed in 2017. Their work included the trail adjacent to this project. Their existing survey data, relationship with Camp Chase Railroad Company, DPS, Utilities, and the private owner involved will provide the City with cost savings, accelerated schedule, and ability to add the segment to the existing construction project.

**Community Input Issues:** The Department has conducted extensive public involvement in the Hilltop and Westgate communities during the past three years to develop the project.

**Area(s) Affected:** Planning Area: 15

**Master Plan Relation:** This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by connecting neighborhoods to the regional trail network that are in the city's underserved areas, active transportation alternatives, improving the environmental health of the city, and improving access to parks, employment centers, community centers,

retail, and attractions.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$46,654.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. for a revised segment of the Camp Chase Trail - Sullivant Avenue to Georgesville Road; to amend the 2017 CIB and transfer funding within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$46,654.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$46,654.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. for a revised segment of the Camp Chase Trail - Sullivant Avenue to Georgesville Road; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget and transfer funding within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to waive the formal bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code Chapter 329 to enter into a contract with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. as they will provide the City with cost savings, accelerated schedule, and ability to add the segment to the existing construction project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$46,654.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; 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 said contract with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. for a revised segment of the Camp Chase Trail - Sullivant Avenue to Georgesville Road due to the schedule deadlines imposed by the State of Ohio grant agreement; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. for a revised segment of the Camp Chase Trail - Sullivant Avenue to Georgesville Road.

**SECTION 2.** That this Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

**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 transfer of \$46,654.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 per the account codes in the attachments to this ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** 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: P510307-100001; Greenways - Camp Chase Trail - Sullivant to Georgesville; \$0 (Voted Carryover)

Fund 7702: P510308-100000; Greenways - Water Trails; \$56,902 (Voted Carryover)

**AMENDED TO:**

Fund 7702: P510307-100001; Greenways - Camp Chase Trail - Sullivant to Georgesville; \$46,654 (Voted Carryover)

Fund 7702: P510308-100000; Greenways - Water Trails; \$10,248 (Voted Carryover)

**SECTION 8.** For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$46,654.00 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 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment.

**SECTION 9.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble of this ordinance, which are fully incorporated into this ordinance, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and is required take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten (10) days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this ordinance.