



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 construction of public improvements in the vicinity of North Broadway and Olentangy River Road. This project consists of several phases that will be performed, including but not limited to: Ohio Health-Ramp 6C Removal CIP 441759 100000, (3386 E); Ohio Health-Project Diagnosis CIP 441752 100000 (3401 E); Ohio Health-Interchange Project 1 CIP 441753 100000 (3402 E); Ohio Health-Interchange Project 2 CIP 441754 100000 (3439 E); West North Broadway at Ohio Health Boulevard CIP 441757 100000 (3403 E); Ohio Health Boulevard CIP 441756 100000 (3391 E); Ohio Health-East-West Road CIP 441758 100000 (3406 E); and Ohio Health-Olentangy River Road SUP CIP 441755 100000 (3405 E) (collectively known as "Project").

The Department of Public service is engaged in the OhioHealth Redevelopment Project. The project involves a major redevelopment of existing public right-of-way as portions of State Route 315 right-of-way will be reconfigured, including the removal of an existing northbound interchange ramp and the addition of a new southbound ramp. Pavement, sidewalks, shared use paths and utilities will be constructed on Olentangy River Road, West North Broadway, Thomas Lane, and two local roadways that connect Olentangy River Road to West North Broadway through the development area.

The Department of Public service is currently finalizing construction plans and is prepared to authorize right of way acquisition pending passage of this funding legislation.

2. FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 are available for this project in the Streets and Highways Improvements Bond Fund, Fund 7704. An amendment to the 2017 Capital Improvements Budget is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure.

3. EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION:

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 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 OhioHealth Redevelopment 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 amend the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget; to transfer funds between projects within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$250,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is engaged in the OhioHealth Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, successful completion of this project necessitates the City acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to various properties located along the project corridor as additional rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way acquisition cost, including professional services, staff and land costs, have been estimated to total \$250,000.00; 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 necessary right of way acquisition for the project to prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program, 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 2017 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by ordinance 1124-2017 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

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

7704 / P530058-100000 / 59-03 NCR (Voted Carryover) / \$1,626,938.00 / (\$250,000.00) / \$1,376,938.00

7704 / P441759-100001 / OhioHealth ROW Purchase (Voted Carryover) / \$0.00 / \$250,000.00 / \$250,000.00

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects in 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 OhioHealth Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$250,000.00.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 Streets and Highway Bond Fund in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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.