



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Service to enter into contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of completing a regional corridor analysis.

Per the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between the City, MORPC, and a number of other local government partners, MORPC will engage a qualified consultant to undertake a Regional Corridor Analysis. This analysis will provide critical data that will further inform the long-term planning efforts in anticipation of significant regional growth.

Central Ohio is expected to add up to 1 million additional residents by 2050. That level of growth will require advanced preparation for the impact on utilities, land use, and transportation infrastructure. Local governments in Central Ohio are interested in being fully prepared for adapting their communities to evolving market demand and emerging technologies, while looking for better and more sustainable ways to make land use and transportation infrastructure decisions that help retain and attract talent, businesses, and residents.

MORPC's insight2050 comparative scenario analysis examined different ways to accommodate projected growth, and targeted corridor development was identified as having the potential to capture new market demand and support smart mobility options. The corridor analysis is expected to provide metrics that will assess the likely impact of implementing compact development options identified by insight2050.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available within the Public Service Voted Bond Fund.

**Emergency action** is requested in order to provide MORPC with the resources necessary to avoid any delay in initiating the corridor analysis.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Service to enter into contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of completing a regional corridor analysis; to authorize an expenditure of \$200,000.00 within the Public Service Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, Central Ohio is expected to add up to 1 million additional residents by 2050, a level of growth that will require advanced preparation for the impact on utilities, land use, and transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, MORPC's insight2050 comparative scenario analysis examined different ways to accommodate projected growth, and targeted corridor development was identified as having the potential to capture new market demand and support smart mobility options; and

**WHEREAS**, per the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between the City, MORPC, and a number of other local government partners, MORPC will engage a qualified consultant to undertake a Regional Corridor Analysis; 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 Director to enter into contract with MORPC to avoid any delay in initiating the work in preparation for anticipated regional growth; **now, therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Public Service is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of completing a regional corridor analysis.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$200,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 Public Service Voted Bond Fund in Object Class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 329 that relate to not-for-profit service contracts.

**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 legislation.

**SECTION 5.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinances are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 6.** 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 the 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 7.** 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.