



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 perform the Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road project.

The Department of Public Service is engaged in the Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road project in the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Community Planning Area. The project will include a new traffic signal and widening to provide turn lanes at the intersection of Central College Road at Harlem Road; striping and signage for all legs of the intersection will be modified to accommodate the new traffic signal; and adds interconnect from Harlem to New Albany West on Central College Road. 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

Total amount of this ordinance is \$150,000.00. Funding for this contract is available within Fund 7704, the Streets and Highways Bond Fund. An amendment to the Department of Public Service's 2018 Capital Improvement Budget and a transfer of cash is required to establish sufficient budget authority and funding for the project.

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 2018 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the transfer of funds and appropriation 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 - Central College Road at Harlem Road project and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way necessary to complete this project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$150,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service is engaged in the Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road project; and

WHEREAS, the project will include a new traffic signal and widening for turn lanes at the intersection of Central College Road at Harlem Road, striping and signage will be modified to accommodate the new traffic signal, and add interconnect from Harlem to New Albany West on Central College Road; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service requires funding to be available for acquisition of right-of-way needed for the Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road project; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds between projects within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to expend \$150,000.00, 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 - Central College Road at Harlem Road project; 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 City Attorney's Office to acquire the various property rights necessary so as to prevent unnecessary delays in the Departments 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 2018 Capital Improvement Budget authorized by Ordinance 1010-2018 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

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

7704/ P540007-100000 / Traffic Signal Installation - General Engineering (Voted Carryover) / \$1,062,525.00 / (\$150,000.00) / \$912,525.00

7704/ P540007-100047 / Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road (Voted Carryover) / \$0.00 / \$150,000.00 / \$150,000.00

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$150,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), from Dept-Div 5913 (Traffic Management), Project P540007-100000 (Traffic Signal Installation - General Engineering), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) to Dept-Div 5913 (Traffic Management), Project P540007-100047 (Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay).

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 - Central College Road at Harlem Road project.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$150,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), Dept-Div 5913 (Traffic Management), Project P540007-100047 (Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account 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. For the reasons stated in this ordinance's preamble, which are made a part of this ordinance, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and is effective and 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.