



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is accepting Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 33 applications for the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) and State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP). MORPC serves in a staff support capacity to the District Three (Franklin County) Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC).

OPWC requires that a designated official be authorized to submit said applications and execute project agreements for approved projects. Additionally, OPWC is required to award a minimum of 10% of the SCIP funding as a no interest loan; in order to make City applications more favorable, some of the applications may include a request for a no interest loan. Therefore, the applications and ensuing agreements may also require signatures from the Director of Finance and Management and the City Auditor, as appropriate, to sign for funding use certification, local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment.

This legislation will authorize the Director of Public Service to submit applications and to execute project agreements for approved projects. The legislation will also authorize the Director of Finance and Management and the City Auditor, as appropriate, to sign for funding use certification, local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment.

2. EXPECTED PROJECTS

The Department of Public Service plans to submit applications for the following projects:

530086-100027: Intersection Improvements - Hilliard Rome Road at Feder Road - This project will widen Feder Road/Fisher Road and Hilliard-Rome Road to increase capacity at the intersection of these two roadways. The entrance ramps to EB I-70 will also be re-aligned to include an additional lane on the NB Hilliard-Rome Road to I-70 ramp. Additional project components include installing new mast arm signals, street lighting, curbs, sidewalks, bike lanes. Additional safety improvements include adding double turn-lanes, restricting access and turning movements within the intersection, and constructing a new service road to create a full access intersection further west of Hilliard-Rome Road. In addition, all roadways will be resurfaced for the limits of the project, and stormwater improvements will be made throughout the project. The total project cost is approximately \$10,760,650. The Ohio Department of Transportation has committed approximately \$1,843,500 in Highway Safety Improvement Program funding; and MORPC has committed approximately \$6,213,746 in attributable funding.

540007-100047: Traffic Signal Installation - Central College Road at Harlem Road - This project will install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Central College Road and Harlem Road. It will also widen both legs of Central College Road at the intersection for east and westbound left turn lanes. Additional project components include adding new sidewalks on the south side of Central College between existing walk at Bethany Drive to the west and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to the east; and modifying striping and signage for all legs of the intersection to accommodate the turn lanes and new traffic signal. This project will add interconnect from Harlem Road to New Albany West on Central College Road and place approximately 730' of 16" water main. The total project cost is approximately \$1,230,344. Developer commitments of \$419,944 have been received for this project.

540007-100030: Traffic Signal Installation - Downtown Signals - This project upgrades traffic signal equipment at the following five signalized intersections: Grant Avenue and Oak Street; Oak Street and Washington Avenue; Grant Avenue and State Street; Grant Avenue and Town Street; and Town Street and Washington Avenue. Additional improvements will be made as necessary to portions of sidewalks, curbs, cross-walks, and ADA ramps impacted by the signal equipment replacement. Utilities will be relocated as necessary. Two intersections will be resurfaced: Oak Street and Washington

Avenue; and Town Street and Washington Avenue. The westbound lane of State Street will be resurfaced between Sixth Street and Grant Avenue; and the southbound lane of Washington Avenue will be resurfaced between Oak Street and Town Street. The total project cost is approximately \$2,112,580.

590105-100083: Pedestrian Safety Improvement - Wilson Road Shared Use Path - This project constructs a 10-foot wide shared use path serving both pedestrians and bicyclists along west side of South Wilson Road between Broad Street and Sullivant Avenue. ADA compliant ramps will be upgraded at Sullivant Avenue, Broad Street, and Fremont Street. The bridge will be re-decked, widened to accommodate the shared use path, a barricade to separate pedestrian from vehicular traffic, and a conduit bank for future interconnect and lighting. The intersection of Fremont Street will be widened to accommodate a new south bound left turn lane on South Wilson Road. Where the pavement is being widened to accommodate the new turn lane, the berm, guardrail, pavement and ditches will be rebuilt. The existing pavement between just north of Wilson Park Way to Broad Street will be resurfaced as part of this project to achieve continuity between the new widened pavement and existing pavement. In addition, a new grass center island will be installed between Wilson Park Way and Fremont Street. The total project cost is approximately \$4,132,581. The Franklin County Engineer's Office has committed approximately \$1,332,581.

530103-100014: Arterial Street Rehabilitation - James Road - This project reconstructs James Road from Livingston Avenue to Main Street and provides improvements to the drainage and pedestrian facilities through the corridor. In addition to the pavement work, the project will provide sidewalk and curb replacement; bike facilities; ADA accommodations; stormwater and water line improvements; and traffic control, street lighting, and public and private utility work as needed. The total project cost is approximately \$7,495,640.

This listing is meant to be illustrative and is believed to be accurate and complete; however, last minute project additions and substitutions are at the discretion of the Director of Public Service.

3. FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this legislation will provide an opportunity to secure funds for various projects. The preliminary allocation for the District Three Public Works Integrating Committee is \$25,991,000, and it is to be awarded in the form of grants and loans. As a part of the application for grant funds, the City may apply for a maximum of \$3,000,000 in loans as necessary to make the applications more favorable to OPWC and the City.

No financial participation is required at this time. City funds will be approved in the form of design contracts and/or construction contracts that will be or have been submitted for Council's approval.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to submit applications for Round 33 of the Local Transportation Improvement Program and State Capital Improvement Program and to execute project agreement forms for approved projects for the Department of Public Service on behalf of the City of Columbus; to authorize the Director of Finance and Management and the City Auditor, as appropriate, to sign for funding use certification, local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission requires that the City of Columbus designate and authorize officials to submit Round 33 applications, execute project agreements, sign for funding use certification and local match availability, and to certify loan portion repayment for Local Transportation Improvement and State Capital Improvement Programs; and

WHEREAS, application amounts are approximate depending upon OPWC scoring criteria; and

WHEREAS, approved applications will require execution within 45 days of notification by the Ohio Public Works Commission; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to submit applications and execute project agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the City of Columbus Department of Public Service for the Local Transportation Improvement Program and State Capital Improvement Program projects.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Public Service and the Director of Finance and Management be and are hereby authorized to submit loan documents and borrow money from the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the City of Columbus Department of Public Service for projects as awarded under the State Capital Improvement Program.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Finance and Management and the City Auditor, as appropriate, are authorized to sign any consequential promissory notes for a grand total of no more than \$3,000,000 to certify Round 33 OPWC funding for the City's SCIP loan portion of any project that is awarded a no interest loan.

SECTION 4. That, at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period by law.