



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into construction agreements with CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and other railroad companies as needed, relative to the Bridge Rehabilitation - Annual Citywide Contract (2019).

The aforementioned effort provides for routine maintenance of several bridges within the City of Columbus. That scope of work necessitates that the Department of Public Service contract with CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and other railroad companies as needed, to review and approve engineering plans, design plans, construction specifications, and drawings, and other documents and work necessary to the completion of the project in order to identify and mitigate potential conflicts between rail operations and public infrastructure in proximity to railway corridors.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 is available for this project within the Streets and Highways Bond Fund, Fund 7704, within the Department of Public Service, Project 530301 (Bridge Rehabilitation). An amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Emergency action is requested in order to facilitate the timely execution of the requisite agreements so as to maintain the current project completion schedule.

To amend the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and other railroad companies as needed, relative to the Bridge Rehabilitation - Annual Citywide Contract (2019); to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund for this project; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Service will administer the Bridge Rehabilitation - Annual Citywide Contract (2019), which will provide for routine maintenance of several bridges within the City of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned effort requires cooperation from CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company, which each operate within the proposed project limits; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to execute agreements authorizing those entities, and other railroad companies as needed, to review and approve engineering and design plans, construction specifications and drawings, and other documents necessary to the successful completion of the planned improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of those services is \$200,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for that project expenditure; 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 execution of the aforementioned agreements so as to maintain the current project completion schedule, 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 and hereby is amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project expenditure:

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

7704 / P530301-100070 / Bridge Rehabilitation - Annual Citywide Contract (Voted 2016 Debt SIT Supported) / \$161,393.00 / (\$161,393.00) / \$0.00

7704 / P530301-161956 / Bridge Rehabilitation - Parsons Road under the Railroad Retaining Walls (Voted 2016 Debt SIT Supported) / \$250,000.00 / (\$38,607.00) / \$211,393.00

7704 / P530301-992019 / Bridge Rehabilitation - Annual Citywide Contract (2019) / \$0.00 / \$200,000.00 / \$200,000.00

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to execute agreements with CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and other railroad companies as needed, for the purpose of authorizing those entities to review and approve engineering and design plans, construction specifications and drawings, and other documents and work necessary to the completion of the Bridge Rehabilitation - Annual Citywide Contract (2019).

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$200,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), Dept-Div 5911 (Division of Infrastructure Management), Project P530301-992019 (Bridge Rehabilitation - Annual Citywide Contract (2019)), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** 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 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 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 made a part hereof, this Ordinance is 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 (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this Ordinance.