



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

This legislation authorizes payment for utility relocation work by Columbia Gas of Ohio, other utilities as needed, and companies for which utilities have subcontracted utility relocation work, in an amount up to \$250,000.00 in connection with the Intersection Improvements - Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road project.

The Public Service Department is engaged in the Intersection Improvements - Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road project. Project work includes improvement of the Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road intersection by replacement of the traffic signal, modification of the road profile for Barnett Road, addition of northbound and southbound dedicated left turn lanes on Barnett Road, the addition of sidewalk along Barnett Road, and improvement of drainage by replacement of the storm sewer and the addition of a dry detention basin.

In the course of effecting roadway improvements it is sometimes necessary to force the relocation of utilities from privately held easements or place overhead utilities underground to promote public health, safety and welfare, including the economic development of the City. It is necessary to move utilities to complete this project.

The funding request for utilities relocation reimbursement is based upon estimates from the utilities. The utilities will invoice the City for actual costs incurred in relocating the utilities. The amount needed may exceed the amount requested in this ordinance. Additional legislation will be submitted by the Department of Public Service if additional funds are needed to complete the relocations.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

This is a budgeted expense. Funding for this contract is available within Fund 7704, the Streets and Highways Bond Fund. An amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget is required to establish sufficient budget authority for the project.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Public Service is requesting emergency designation so as to provide funding for utility reimbursements at the earliest possible time to maintain the project construction schedule.

To amend the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the Director of Public Service to pay utility relocation costs to various utilities for the Intersection Improvements - Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$250,000.00 for utility relocations for this project from the Streets & Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus is concerned with the use of the various rights-of-way areas in the City as such rights-of-way areas represent a valuable and limited resource that must be utilized to promote the public health, safety and welfare including the economic development of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, utility relocations must be completed before construction can begin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Service requires funding to be available for utility relocation expenses for the Intersection Improvements - Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road project; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of up to \$250,000.00 for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned 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 payment for utility relocation expenses at the earliest possible time to prevent construction delays, 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 Improvements Budget authorized by ordinance 1010-2018 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

**Fund / Project / Project Name / C.I.B. / Change / C.I.B. as Amended**

7704 / P530086 - 100030 / Intersection Improvements - SR 161 Corridor Study (Voted Carryover) / \$302,629.00 / (\$102,066.00) / \$200,563.00

7704 / P530086-100031 / Intersection Improvements - Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road (Voted Carryover) /\$0.00 / \$102,066.00 / \$102,066.00

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to reimburse utilities for utility relocation costs to Columbia Gas of Ohio, other utilities as necessary, and companies for which utilities have subcontracted utility relocation work for the Intersection Improvements - Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road project.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), in Dept-Div 5912 (Division of Design and Construction), Project P530086-100031 (Intersection Improvements - Livingston Avenue at Barnett Road), in 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.** 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.