



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify a contract with Burgess and Niple (Ord. 1556-2017, July 31, 2017) for detailed engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector. Stage Two will develop the final plans for construction of the project, including bridge plans, permitting, and integration with the development of the Confluence Village projects along Nationwide Boulevard.

**Background:** The Department was awarded Clean Ohio Trails Funds in May to build a bridge from the Olentangy Trail to a newly improved Nationwide Boulevard and Confluence Village, a major redevelopment in downtown Columbus. The bridge will be a direct connection from the regional trail for thousands of residents and workers in the Arena District. The project will coincide with major city projects at the west end of Nationwide Boulevard, including a new stadium, office and residential developments, biking and walking improvements along Nationwide Boulevard, and a future park development along the east bank of the Olentangy River. This bridge also provides a significant non-motorized transportation facility to a heavily congested downtown area.

The costs for this project modification will be \$695,654.41.

Proposals for Stage 1, which included the option to modify with a Stage 2 design were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on March 15, 2017 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on April 14, 2017. Proposals were received from the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>
Burgess & Niple	(MAJ)
Prime AE	(MAJ)
Korda Engineering	(MAJ)
GPD Group	(MAJ)
EMH&T	(MAJ)

In accordance with City Code, a selection team evaluated the proposals and recommended Burgess and Niple be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their reference projects, experience, qualifications, availability, timeline, and project approach.

**Principal Parties:**

Burgess & Niple, Inc.  
Karen Anderson (contact)  
5085 Reed Road  
Columbus, OH 43220  
Phone: 614-461-0243  
Contract Compliance #310885550

**Emergency Justification:** An emergency is being requested as the grant funding for this project requires that the project be ready to construct in 2020. The project is also intended to coincide with large roadway and building construction projects set to begin in 2020.

**Benefits to the Public:** Over 2 million people visit the Arena District each year. The district contains major attractions, special events, employment centers, and rapidly expanding residential living. The Olentangy Trail travels along the west

side of the river, and thousands of trail users cannot ride, walk, run, or access the east side. The connector bridge will provide a safe, direct, non-motorized corridor into and from the heart of the Arena District. And the bridge will connect to a 126 mile trail network spanning the entire region.

**Community Input/Issues:** Several planning documents and studies recommend safe, easy access to the north side of downtown. Non-motorized active transportation is considered one of the key draws to the downtown as a place to live, work, and play. Current trail access is limited to an indirect route, and many residents inquire about the feasibility of better, more direct, connectivity.

**Area(s) Affected:** Planning Area: 55 - Greater downtown area, Olentangy Trail, all neighborhoods west of 315.

**Master Plan Relation:** This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors. Improving the environmental health of the city's waterways; improving recreational access to streams; providing long term protection corridors for water quality and trail development.

**Fiscal Impact:** The expenditure of \$202,708.33 was legislated for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector Bridge project by Ordinance 1556-2017. This ordinance will provide funding that will modify the previously authorized amount by \$695,654.41. \$695,654.41 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract modification. The aggregate total amount authorized, including this modification, is \$898,362.74.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify a contract with Burgess and Niple for detailed engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector; to authorize the transfer of \$695,654.41 within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$695,654.41 from the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$695,654.41)

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify a contract with Burgess and Niple for detailed engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the transfer of \$695,654.41 within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund, Fund 7702; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$695,654.41 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to modify the contract as the grant funding for this project requires that the project be ready to construct in 2020 for the preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks is hereby authorized to modify a contract with Burgess and Niple for detailed engineering services for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector.

**SECTION 2.** 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 3.** 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 4.** 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 5.** That the transfer of \$695,654.41 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$695,654.41 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachments to this ordinance.

**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.