



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is accepting Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 34 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 a signature from the Director of Finance and Management and 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 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:

530103-100068: Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Hudson St-I-71 to Cleveland Ave - The project will reconstruct Hudson Street from the eastern terminus of full depth pavement installed by FRA-71-21.26, PID 85688 (3161-E) to the western curb return of the Hudson at Cleveland Avenue intersection. The reconstruction will include installing new curb, reconstruction and modification to the existing median on the east leg of the I-71 at Hudson intersection, sidewalk on the north side, an urban greenway on the south side, street trees, new traffic signals, and storm sewer. New ADA curb ramps will be provided at intersections. A new 24" water main will be constructed. The total project cost is approximately \$20,062,238.

530086-100035: Intersection Improvements - James Road at Livingston Avenue - This project will install safety improvements at the intersection of James Road at Livingston Avenue. Improvements include the construction of right turn lanes from Livingston Avenue to James Road and the replacement of traffic signals to accommodate additional turn lanes. Street lighting modifications will be included as well as coordination with utilities to handle numerous overhead and underground facilities. The total project cost is approximately \$4,047,991. The Ohio Department of Transportation has committed approximately \$3,106,908 in Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.

540007-100067: Signal Installation - Hocking Street and Hanover Street - Installation of traffic signals at the intersections of US 33 and Hocking Street as well as US 33 and Hanover Street. Improvements at Hocking Street may require adjustments to the pavement and median along US33 to accommodate signalization. The total project cost is approximately \$1,300,000.

540007-100029 - Traffic Signal Installation - Neil Avenue Signals - This project will install fiber optic cable on Neil Avenue from Goodale Boulevard to 11th Avenue. It will also replace and upgrade existing traffic signal equipment at eight signalized intersections on Neil Avenue from Buttles Avenue to 11th Avenue. The total project cost is approximately \$2,653,920.

ADA Curb Ramps - Citywide Curb Ramps - This project will design and construct curb ramps and appurtenances at specific locations not otherwise associated with CIP or private development projects or where existing ramps do not meet current ADA requirements. The locations will come from a variety of sources, including: 311 requests, un-matched ramp situations at crosswalks, and maintenance issues. This will help to provide pedestrian accessible routes within the Right of Way. The total project cost is approximately \$1,000,000.

School Zone Flashing Beacons - Citywide School Zone Flashing Beacon Upgrades - This project will replace and upgrade school flashers to improve performance and reliability. The project will also install units at schools that currently do not have these types of warning devices. The total project cost is approximately \$500,000

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 approximately \$26,800,000 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 34 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; and to authorize the Director of Finance and Management and 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 34 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 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. The Director of Finance and Management and 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 34 OPWC funding for the City's SCIP loan portion of any project that is awarded a no interest loan.

SECTION 4. 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.