



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the FRA-IR71-17.46 (Project 3B) project, PID 105453.

The aforementioned project, slated to commence in spring 2020, encompasses reconstructing I-71 from Broad Street to Long Street, replacing the Broad Street bridge over I-71, building portions of Lester Drive and Elijah Pierce Avenue, and eliminating two existing ramps.

Ordinance 1436-2019 authorized the Director of Public Service to grant consent and propose cooperation with ODOT for the aforesaid project and noted that the encumbrance and expenditure of requisite funding would be authorized separately. To that end, Ordinance 2066-2019 authorized the appropriation of the capital funds necessary to support the local share of construction and inspection costs, presently estimated to be \$3,158,664.98.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

Auditor's Certificate ACPO004553 has been established, pursuant to Ordinance 2066-2019, to facilitate payment to ODOT for the proportionate share of anticipated project costs attributable to the Department of Public Service. No additional funding shall be encumbered pursuant to this ordinance.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Emergency action is requested to prevent avoidable delays in the construction of planned infrastructure improvements.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the FRA-IR71-17.46 (Project 3B) project, PID 105453; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Transportation proposes to FRA-IR71-17.46 (Project 3B) project, which encompasses reconstructing I-71 from Broad Street to Long Street, replacing the Broad Street bridge over I-71, building portions of Lester Drive and Elijah Pierce Avenue, and eliminating two existing ramps; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned project is located within the Columbus corporate boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 1436-2019 authorized the Director of Public Service to grant consent and to agree to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation in this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the City agreed to assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the entire cost of the improvement within Columbus city limits less the amount of Federal-Aid funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2066-2019 authorized the encumbrance and expenditure of capital funding to support the local share of construction and inspection costs, presently estimated to be \$3,158,664.98, and established Auditor's Certificate ACPO004553 to facilitate payment to ODOT for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with ODOT relative to the aforementioned project; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize this legislative action so as to prevent avoidable delays in the construction of planned infrastructure improvements, 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 Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to enter into agreements with and to provide funding to the Ohio Department of Transportation relative to the FRA-IR71-17.46 (Project 3B) project, PID 105453.

**SECTION 2.** That the Department of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to contribute up to \$3,158,664.98 to the Ohio Department of Transportation to support the aforementioned project pursuant to Auditor's Certificate ACPO004553.

**SECTION 3.** 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 ten days after passage if the mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.