



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

The Department of Public Service is engaged in a joint project with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) titled Roadway Improvements - SR315 I-71 - Phase 6A, ODOT designation FRA-70-13.10, PID 89464. This project is part of the ongoing I70/71 corridor project throughout the downtown area that will reduce the number of ramps from nineteen to thirteen along with providing additional freeway lanes, enhanced bridges, and highway caps for possible future development. The Department of Public Service will be granting a permanent highway easement to be donated to ODOT for the FRA-70-13.10 PID 89464 Phase 6A project right-of-way. The parcels as shown on the plans are labelled "25A-LA1" and "25A-LA2" for Mound Street and Short Street. The following legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Service to execute documents necessary to donate these permanent highway easements to ODOT for the proposed improvements into the public rights-of-way.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the City to donate this right-of-way.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Emergency action is requested in order to allow for the timely granting of the requested permanent easements which will allow construction to proceed per the schedule established by ODOT.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Service to execute those documents necessary for the City to grant permanent easements to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the parcels as shown on the plans labelled "25A-LA1" and "25A-LA2" for Mound Street and Short Street as part of the I70/71 downtown corridor project; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, permanent easements into the public rights-of-way were requested by ODOT as part of the I70/71 downtown corridor project; and

**WHEREAS**, the easements will include improvements that will reduce the number of ramps from nineteen to thirteen along with providing additional freeway lanes, enhancing bridges, and providing highway caps for possible future development of the parcels as shown on the plans labelled "25A-LA1" and "25A-LA2" for Mound Street and Short Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Service will donate these permanent highway easements to ODOT for the proposed improvements into the public rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute those documents necessary to grant the permanent easements to ODOT to allow construction to proceed per the schedule established by ODOT, 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 the Department of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to execute those documents necessary to grant the permanent easements to ODOT as per the exhibits labelled "25A LA1" and "25A LA2" attached to this legislation.

**SECTION 2.** 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.