



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Chief Innovation Officer to modify an existing agreement with IKE Smart City, LLC. to allow the installation, operation, and maintenance of three (3) scooter charging stations within the public rights-of-way of the City of Columbus, as part of the USDOT Smart City Challenge Smart Mobility Hubs project.

The Smart City Challenge is a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) grant program seeking to “create a fully integrated, first-of-its kind city that uses data, technology and creativity to shape how people and goods move in the future.” In 2016, the City of Columbus, acting through the Department of Public Service, applied for and won the Smart City Challenge, receiving a \$40 million dollar grant from USDOT and a \$10 million grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation (Vulcan).

IKE Smart City, LLC has been a key partner committed to installing six (6) interactive kiosks at the Smart Mobility Hubs project at no cost to the city. IKE Smart City has proposed installation of three (3) scooter charging stations at three (3) USDOT Smart Mobility Hub locations. The identified locations are:

- Columbus State Community College
- Columbus Metropolitan Library - Linden Branch
- Northern Lights Transit Center

Ordinance Number 1952-2018 authorized the Department of Public Service to enter into an agreement with IKE Smart City, LLC. The Department of Public Service has agreed to allow the Smart City Program Office to modify the agreement in order to expand the Smart Mobility Hubs project.

Ordinance Number 1901-2017 authorized the Public Service Director to transfer signature authority to the Chief Innovation Officer or the Chief Innovation Officer's designee for all past, present, and future Smart Columbus, Smart City Challenge, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation contracts, documents, and projects.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no anticipated cost to the City relative to the aforementioned modification.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Emergency action is requested so scooter charging stations can be installed as soon as possible in alignment with the Smart Mobility Hubs project to meet the timeline of the USDOT Smart City Challenge project.

To authorize the Chief Innovation Officer to modify an agreement with IKE Smart City, LLC. to allow the installation, operation, and maintenance of three (3) scooter charging stations as part of the Smart Mobility Hubs project; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance Number 1952-2018, the Department of Public Service entered into an agreement with IKE Smart City, LLC. relative to the installation, operation, and maintenance of interactive kiosks within the public rights-of-way at various locations for the purpose of conveying information to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, IKE Smart City, LLC desires to install, operate, and maintain scooter charging stations at three (3) locations that are part of the USDOT Smart Mobility Hubs project; and

**WHEREAS**, organization of scooters in the right-of-way is a USDOT Smart Mobility Hubs project goal; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City is engaged in the Smart City Challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to modify the existing contract with IKE Smart City, LLC to allow the installation of scooter charging stations; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance Number 1901-2017 authorized the Public Service Director to transfer signature authority to the Chief Innovation Officer or the Chief Innovation Officer's designee for all past, present, and future Smart Columbus, Smart City Challenge, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation contracts, documents, and projects; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Smart Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to modify this contract so the scooter charging stations can be installed as soon as possible to meet the USDOT Smart Mobility Hubs project deadlines associated with the USDOT Smart City Challenge; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Chief Innovation Officer, on behalf of the Department of Public Service, be and is hereby authorized to modify an existing agreement with IKE Smart City, LLC to allow the installation, operation, and maintenance of scooter charging stations at three (3) locations within the USDOT Smart Mobility Hubs project.

**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 (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.