



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Ordinance 2639-2019 to authorize the execution of multiple contribution agreements to facilitate the completion of the Mobility Study - NW Corridor project.

The aforementioned project encompasses establishing a Vision and Implementation Strategy for the stretch of Olentangy River Road from Bethel Road to West Broad Street, which will result in the development of a multi-modal transportation system supportive of mixed-use, transit-oriented, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly development patterns.

Financing the project was to be a joint effort by multiple stakeholders, and Ordinance 2639-2019 sought to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute agreements with and to accept contributions and/or grant monies and other resources from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Central Ohio Transportation Authority (COTA), Ohio State University (OSU), and other organizations to be identified at a future time. However, said language was not included in the Be It Ordained section of that ordinance.

This legislation corrects that omission so as to grant the Director of Public Service the authority to execute contribution agreements with the afore named parties and any other entities as deemed necessary and appropriate.

2. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested so as to allow for the execution of requisite agreements as soon as reasonably practicable so as to prevent unnecessary delays in the completion of the aforementioned project.

To amend Ordinance 2639-2019 so as to authorize the Director of Public Service to execute agreements with and to accept grants and contributions from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Central Ohio Transportation Authority (COTA), Ohio State University (OSU), and any and all other entities as deemed necessary and appropriate relative to the Mobility Study - NW Corridor project; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the City is administering the Mobility Study - NW Corridor project, which consists of establishing a Vision and Implementation Strategy for the stretch of Olentangy River Road from Bethel Road to West Broad Street that will result in the development of a multi-modal transportation system supportive of mixed-use, transit-oriented, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly development patterns; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Ordinance 2639-2019 was, in part, to authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into agreements with and to accept grant monies and/or contributions and other resources from other organizations, including Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Central Ohio Transportation Authority (COTA), Ohio State University (OSU), in relation to the Mobility Study - NW Corridor project; and

WHEREAS, language conferring said authority was not included in the Be It Ordained section of that ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Ordinance 2639-2019 to correct that omission; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the execution of requisite agreements as soon as reasonably practicable so as to prevent unnecessary delays in the completion of the aforementioned project, 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 Ordinance 2639-2019 be and hereby is amended as follows:

i. **SECTION 5.** That the Director of Public Service be, and hereby is, authorized to execute agreements with and to accept contributions and/or grant monies and other resources from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), Ohio State University (OSU), and any and all other entities as deemed necessary and appropriate relative to the completion of the Mobility Study - NW Corridor project.

ii. The paragraphs formerly designated as Sections 5 and 6 shall be renumbered accordingly.

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