



## Legislation Text

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### 1. BACKGROUND

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is accepting Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 35 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 ordinance will authorize the Director of Public Service to submit applications and to execute project agreements for approved projects. The ordinance 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:

**550301-162111: Bridge Rehabilitation - Harrison Road Over Dry Run East of Hague Avenue** - The project will replace the bridge on Harrison Road over Dry Run. The new bridge will be widened to provide room for a sidewalk to be constructed in the future on the north side. The total project cost is approximately \$585,000.

**540007-100067: Signal Installation - Hocking St and Hanover St** - This project consists of improvements at the intersections of Hocking Street at US33 and Hanover Street at US33. At Hocking Street, the eastbound left turn on Long Street will be widened to a double left turn lane. The intersection of Hocking at Spring Street will be signalized. At Hanover Street, both Hanover at Long Street and Hanover at Spring Street will be signalized. The eastbound left turn on Long Street will be removed and the section of Hanover Street between Long and Spring will be converted to one-way southbound. Hocking and Hanover will be restriped between Spring Street and Nationwide Boulevard. The total project cost is approximately \$1,580,000.

**550103-100065: Arterial Street Rehabilitation - SR161 - I-71 to Cleveland Avenue Phase I** - This project will provide Improvements to SR161 from Maple Canyon Avenue to Cleveland Avenue. Side streets including Maple Canyon Avenue and Parkville Street/Spring Run Drive will be improved north and south of SR161. These improvements will include the addition of pedestrian and bike facilities, new traffic signals, pavement widening and resurfacing, raised medians on the side streets and the installation of mini-roundabouts on the side streets. The total project cost is approximately \$12,115,000.

**550086-100038: Dublin-Granville at Ulry** - The project will widen Dublin-Granville Road at the intersection with Ulry Road to provide an eastbound left turn lane and a westbound right turn lane. Dublin-Granville Road will also be widened and reconstructed between Ulry and Old Hamilton Road to accommodate a two-way left turn lane. Improvements will include the replacement of the existing strain pole traffic signal and installation of sidewalk, a shared-use path, street trees, curb, storm sewer, and street lighting. The total project cost is approximately \$4,660,000.

**ADA Curb Ramps - Citywide Curb Ramps** - This project will design and construct curb ramps and appurtenances at specific locations not otherwise associated with the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program, or with 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 public right-of-way. The total project cost is approximately \$2,000,000.

This project 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 \$26,804,000 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.

### **4. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

The Department of Public Service requests emergency action to submit applications for grant and loan funding to OPWC before the application deadline.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to submit applications for the Local Transportation Improvement Program and State Capital Improvement Program and to execute project agreements for approved projects; to authorize the Director of Public Service and the Director of Finance and Management to submit loan documents and borrow money from the Ohio Public Works Commission for projects as awarded under the State Capital Improvement Program; 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; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Public Works Commission requires that the City of Columbus designate and authorize officials to submit Round 35 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; 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 Director of Public Service to submit applications for grant and loan funding to OPWC before the application deadline, 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 is hereby authorized to submit applications and execute project agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the City of Columbus 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 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 35 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 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 10 days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.