



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into with Kokosing Construction Company for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector Bridge Project. The contract amount is \$2,633,051.80, with a contingency of \$200,000.00, for a total of \$2,833,051.80. An additional \$225,000.00 is being authorized for interdepartmental and inspections and fees for a total of \$3,058,051.80 being authorized by this ordinance.

Ordinance 0666-2016 authorized the Director of Recreation and Parks to apply for a grant from the Clean Ohio Trail Fund to construct a bridge over the Olentangy River at Nationwide Blvd in Confluence Village, a major new development in Downtown Columbus. Recreation and Parks was awarded the grant funding in the amount of \$485,000.00 which requires a minimum local match of \$190,000.00. Ordinance 1086-2020 authorized the Director to accept and appropriate the grant and matching funds to apply towards construction of the bridge.

The bridge will be a direct connection from the regional trail for thousands of residents and workers in the Arena District. The project also coincides with other significant projects at the west end of Nationwide Boulevard, including a new stadium, a series of mixed-use developments, and a public park development along the East bank of the Olentangy River. This bridge also provides a significant active transportation access to a heavily congested downtown area. In order to meet the deadlines established by the grant funding and the opening of the new stadium complex, Recreation and Parks anticipates issuing a notice to proceed in October 2020. All work shall be substantially complete by July 2021.

Proposals were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on August 4, 2020 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on August 25, 2020. This project was also picked up by various local and regional plan rooms and distributed to their membership. Proposals were received from the following companies:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kokosing Construction Company	(MAJ)	\$2,633,051.80
Ruhlin Company	(MAJ)	\$2,913,881.95
George J. Igel Company	(MAJ)	\$3,190,588.37
Righter Company	(MAJ)	\$3,363,788.24
Complete General Construction	(MAJ)	\$ 3,409,625.90
Sunesis Construction Company	(MAJ)	\$3,671,316.68

After reviewing the bids that were submitted, it was determined that Kokosing Construction Company was the lowest and most responsive bidder. Kokosing Construction Company and all proposed subcontractors have met code requirements with respect to prequalification, pursuant to relevant sections of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

Principal Parties:

Kokosing Construction Company
6235 Westerville Road, Westerville, OH 43081
Ray Bring, (614) 228-1029
Contract Compliance Number, Tax ID: 004610, 31-1023518
March 12, 2022

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested so the project can be started in October 2020, allowing the project to be completed by the target of July 2021 to meet the requirements of the Clean Ohio Trail Fund.

Benefits to the Public: The bridge will provide direct connectivity for countless residents, visitors, special events, and employees to the Confluence Village and the Arena District, one of the City's major destinations that hosts over 2 million visitors per year. The project will coincide with construction of significant regional projects underway, including the new Crew Stadium, Confluence Park, and surrounding mixed use developments. The connector bridge provides links to over 130 miles of regional trail.

Community Input/Issues: During the past 4 years, the project has received support and approval by downtown residents, the Columbus Downtown Development Commission, large employers within the Arena District, the development community, local cycling advocacy, Central Ohio Greenways, and comments from the public at large.

Area(s) Affected: Downtown (55)

Master Plan Relation: Trails and connectivity are significant components of multiple departmental and city initiatives, including health, wellness, diversity, social equity and conservation.

Fiscal Impact: \$3,058,051.80 is budgeted and available from within the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283 and Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Kokosing Construction Company for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector Bridge Project; to authorize the transfer of \$573,051.80 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund, to authorize the amendment of the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the expenditure of \$3,058,051.80 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$3,058,051.80)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Kokosing Construction Company for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the amendment of the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1326-2019 in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this and future projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the transfer of \$573,051.80 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$3,058,051.80 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into this contract so the project can be started in October 2020, allowing the project to be completed by the target of July 2021 to meet the requirements of the Clean Ohio Trail Fund, all for the preservation of public peace, property, health, welfare, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Kokosing Construction Company for the Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector Bridge Project.

SECTION 2. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all

contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 5. That the transfer of \$573,051.80 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1326-2019 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this ordinance and future projects.

Fund / Project / Project Name / Current / Change / Amended

Fund 7702; P516000-100000; Emergency Replacement (SIT Supported) / \$638,120 / (\$573,052) / \$65,068

Fund 7702; P510306-100003; Olentangy Trail - Arena District Connector Bridge (SIT Supported) / \$1,810,000 / \$573,052 / \$2,383,052

SECTION 7. That the expenditure of \$3,058,051.80 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283 and Voted Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 8. 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.