



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Kingsford Road Sidewalks project.

The Department of Public Service is engaged in the Pedestrian Safety Improvements - SRTS Kingsford Road Sidewalks project. The project will construct sidewalks along the west side of Kingsford Road from Briggs Road to Eakin Road and along the north side of Briggs Road from the existing sidewalk west of Kingsford Road to Kingsford Road. Installation of the sidewalk will include curb ramps and drive approaches.

The cost to acquire the right-of-way needed to complete the project is estimated at \$30,000.00. If the cost to acquire the needed right-of-way should exceed this estimate, additional legislation will be submitted to Council requesting the needed funding.

The Department of Public Service is currently finalizing construction plans and is prepared to authorize right-of-way acquisition pending passage of this funding ordinance.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 are available and appropriated for this project in Fund 7704, the Streets and Highways Bond Fund. An amendment to the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient budget authority for the project expenditure.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Emergency action is requested to allow construction to begin as soon as possible on this public safety improvement.

To amend the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the City Attorney's Office to contract for professional services and acquire property needed for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Kingsford Road Sidewalks project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$30,000.00 from the Streets and Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus is engaged in the Pedestrian Safety Improvements - SRTS Kingsford Road Sidewalks project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will construct sidewalks along the west side of Kingsford Road from Briggs Road to Eakin Road and along the north side of Briggs Road from the existing sidewalk west of Kingsford Road to Kingsford Road; and

**WHEREAS**, successful completion of this project necessitates the City acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to various properties located along the project corridor as additional rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, right-of-way acquisition cost, including professional services, staff and land costs, have been estimated to total \$30,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of

providing sufficient budget authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney's Office needs to be authorized to expend \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Pedestrian Safety Improvements - SRTS Kingsford Road Sidewalks project; 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 necessary right-of-way acquisition for the project to allow construction to begin as soon as possible on this public safety improvement, 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 2019 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by ordinance 1326-2019 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

**Fund / Project / Project Name / Current / Change / C.I.B. as Amended**

7704 / P590105-100005 / Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Sidewalk Program (Voted Carryover) / \$39,301.00 / (\$30,000.00) / \$9,301.00

7704 / P590105-100121 / Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Kingsford Road Sidewalks (Briggs Rd and Eakin Rd) (Voted Carryover) / \$0.00 / \$30,000.00 / \$30,000.00

**SECTION 2.** That the City Attorney's Office be, and hereby is, authorized to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate, to contract for professional services, and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way needed to complete the Pedestrian Safety Improvements - SRTS Kingsford Road Sidewalks project in an amount up to \$30,000.00.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7704 (Streets & Highways -Bond Fund) in Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P590105-100121 (Pedestrian Safety Improvements - SRTS Kingsford Road Sidewalks), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** 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 7.** 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.