



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a construction reimbursement agreement with the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the Agler Road Trail Connector Project. The City's cost share for this project is \$413,173.00 and this contribution is being authorized by this ordinance.

The Franklin County Engineer's Office will be reconstructing the Agler Road Bridge over Alum Creek in the City's near northeast community. The Alum Creek Trail passes underneath this bridge along the east bank, however, there is no access to the regional trail for the Agler Road Community. For many years, the public has requested that a trail connection be built from the roadway down to the trail. This County led project will build an ADA accessible ramp, leading from the roadway directly to the path. The County is also adding a new trail deck along the south side of the new bridge, from Sunbury Road to the Kipp School Campus. This will provide new east-west connectivity for the neighborhood. The project is set to begin construction in the summer of 2022. All contract administration and construction inspection will be handled by the County.

**Principal Parties:**

Franklin County Engineer's Office  
970 Dublin Road  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Barbara Cox, (614) 525-3030  
Government Agency

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested as the County has bid the project and construction is set to begin in the summer of 2022.

**Benefits to the Public:** The project will provide increased access for thousands of residents to the Alum Creek Trail by providing access to a large school campus as well as a completion of a bike path along Agler Road to Sunbury Road.

**Community Input/Issues:** The County did public engagement with the surrounding community and stakeholders in 2019 and 2020.

**Area(s) Affected:** Northeast (41)

**Master Plan Relation:** This project supports the department's Master Plan by providing safe and easy access to trails and greenways corridors.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$413,173.00 is budgeted and available from within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contribution.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a construction reimbursement agreement with the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the Agler Road Trail Connector Project; to authorize the transfer of \$413,173.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund, to authorize the amendment of the 2021 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the expenditure of \$413,173.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$413,173.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into a construction reimbursement agreement with the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the Agler Road Trail Connector Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the transfer of \$413,173.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the amendment of the 2021 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 2707-2021 in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this and future projects; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$413,173.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into this agreement as the County has bid the project and construction is set to begin in the summer of 2022, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare and, **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 a construction reimbursement agreement with the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the Agler Road Trail Connector 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 \$413,173.00 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 2021 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 2707-2021 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 / P512000-100000; New Development - Misc. (Voted Carryover); \$1,118,410 / (\$413,173) / \$705,237

Fund 7702 / P512030-100000; Agler Road Trail Connector (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$413,173 / \$413,173

**SECTION 7.** For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$413,173.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachments 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.