



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to grant consent and propose cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) relative to the FRA-SR 161-15.80 project, PID 116322.

The aforementioned effort, which is slated to commence in the summer of 2023, encompasses the construction of a through lane in both directions along SR 161 from I 270 to US 62, widening structures to accommodate the added lane, and widening the ramp from SR 161 westbound to I 270 northbound and other associated work within the City of Columbus.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated cost to the City for this project, as ODOT shall assume and bear all associated preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to allow ODOT to maintain the planned construction schedule and promote highway safety.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to grant consent and propose cooperation with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation relative to the FRA-SR 161-15.80 project on State Route 161 from Interstate 270 to US Route 62; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes making certain capital improvements to SR 161, including constructing a through lane in both directions along SR 161 from I 270 to US 62 and widening the ramp from SR 161 westbound to I 270 northbound; and

WHEREAS, this improvement project is within the Columbus corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to grant consent and propose cooperation with ODOT relative to the FRA-SR 161-15.80 project, PID 116322; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is necessary to grant consent to ODOT at the earliest time possible so as to allow construction to proceed in accordance with the schedule established by ODOT for this project, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

The following is an Ordinance enacted by the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA) in the matter of the stated described project.

SECTION 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The STATE has identified the need for the described project:

Add a thru lane in both directions along SR 161 from IR 270 to US 62 and widen structures to accommodate the added lane, also includes widening the ramp from SR 161 WB to IR 270 NB along with other associated work within the City limits.

SECTION 2. CONSENT STATEMENT

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project.

SECTION 3. COOPERATION STATEMENT

The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

The State shall assume and bear 100% of all of the costs of the improvement.

The LPA further agrees to pay One Hundred Percent (100%) of the cost of those features requested by the LPA which are determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration to be unnecessary for the Project.

SECTION 4. UTILITIES AND RIGHT-OF-WAY STATEMENT

The LPA agrees that all right-of-way required for the described project will be acquired and/or made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations. The LPA also understands that right-of way costs include eligible utility costs.

SECTION 5. MAINTENANCE

Upon completion of the described Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the LPA shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the described Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, 23 USC 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes; and (5) enter into any maintenance agreements with ODOT as may be needed to maintain the Project area.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

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.