



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

The following ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction project in the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Planning Area (33).

The Department of Public Service is engaged in the Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction project. This project consists of improvements to the Central College Road, Ulry Road, and Lee Road intersection. This intersection will be widened to a 3-lane section for the entire limits of the project and the sanitary sewer subtrunk will be extended on Central College Road from the eastern project limit to the northwest corner of this intersection. Plans also include upgraded traffic signal, sidewalk and shared use path improvements and associated drainage.

The cost to acquire the right-of-way needed to complete the project is estimated at \$500,000.00. 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 legislation.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is available in Fund 7442 (Ulry-Central College TIF Fund). A transfer of cash is needed to align spending with the proper project, and then appropriated in Fund 7442.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested so right-of-way can be acquired to allow construction to proceed as scheduled, preventing delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

To transfer funds within the Ulry-Central College TIF Fund; to appropriate funds within the Ulry-Central College TIF Fund; to authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to contract for professional services relative to the acquisition of fee simple title and lesser interests in and to property needed for the Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction project; to authorize the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way necessary to complete this project; to authorize the expenditure of \$500,000.00 from the Ulry-Central College TIF Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is engaged in the Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction project; and

WHEREAS, the project will include improvements to the Central College Road, Ulry Road, and Lee Road intersection. This intersection will be widened to a 3-lane section for the entire limits of the project and the sanitary sewer subtrunk will be extended on Central College Road from the eastern project limit to the northwest corner of this intersection. Plans also include upgraded traffic signal, sidewalk and shared use path improvements and associated drainage; 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 \$500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for that purpose through the Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer and appropriate funds within Fund 7442 Ulry-Central College TIF Fund, to establish sufficient cash to pay for the project; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division to expend \$500,000.00, 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 Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to establish the funds so right-of-way can be acquired to allow construction to proceed as scheduled, preventing delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program, to ensure the safety of the traveling public 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 transfer of \$500,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 7442 (Ulry-Central College TIF Fund), from Dept-Div 4402 (Economic Development), Project P442001-100000 (Ulry-Central College TIF), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) to Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P440106-100000 (Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, the sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 7442 (Ulry-Central College TIF Fund), Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the City Attorney's Office, Real Estate Division, 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 Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction project in an amount up to \$500,000.00.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$500,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7442 (Ulry-Central College TIF Fund), Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P440106-100000 (Northeast MOU - Central College Ulry Road Reconstruction), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 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.