



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 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening PID105732 project.

The Department of Public service is engaged in the Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening project. The project will consist of improvements to the Cassady Avenue corridor from the City of Bexley Corporation line to 7th Avenue. This is the first of multiple phases to reconstruct the Cassady Avenue corridor with complete street improvements.

Ordinance 2113-2021 authorized 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 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening project. Funding in the amount of \$2,142,657.00 was established to begin acquiring the needed property rights. Ordinance 1388-2023 authorized additional funds for the City Attorney's Office to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. This ordinance requests an additional \$500,000.00 estimated to be needed to complete acquisition for this project.

Ord 2534-2022 authorized the Director of Public Service to submit MORPC Attributable Funds roadway improvement project applications and updates for consideration for funding within the Transportation Improvement Program and to execute project agreements for approved projects for the Department of Public Service for the Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening project.

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

Funds in the amounts of \$500,000.00 are available and appropriated in Fund 7704, the Streets and Highways Bond Fund. An amendment to the 2023 Capital Improvements Budget and a transfer of cash and appropriation is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for these project expenditure.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested in order to complete needed improvements at the earliest possible time and meet the requirements of the start date for the Ohio Department of Transportation funding award to avoid penalty and to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

To amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer funds between projects within the Streets and Highways Bond 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 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening 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 Streets and Highways Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is engaged in the Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening PID105732 project; and

WHEREAS, the project will include improvements to the Cassady Avenue corridor from the City of Bexley Corporation line to 7th Avenue; 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, Ordinance 2113-2021 authorized the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$2,142,657.00 to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to begin acquisition of the various property rights necessary to complete the Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening PID105732 project; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1388-2023 authorized the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$1,500,000.00 in additional funds to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to begin acquisition of the various property rights necessary to complete the Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening PID105732 project; and

WHEREAS, additional 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; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2023 Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient spending authority for the aforementioned project expenditure; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize a transfer of funds and appropriation within Fund 7704, the Streets and Highways Bond 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 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening PID105732 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 meet grant deadlines, 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 2023 Capital Improvements Budget authorized by ordinance 1711-2023 be amended as follows to establish sufficient authority for this project:

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

7704 / P590131-100023 / Miscellaneous Developments - American Addition Infrastructure Phase 4 (Voted Carryover) / \$5,588,056.00 / \$119,348.00 / \$5,707,404.00 (to match cash)

7704 / P540007-100060 / TSI - Columbus Traffic Signal System Ph F (Voted Carryover) / \$624,999.00 / \$174,125.00 / \$799,124.00 (to match cash)

7704 / P530103-100068 / ASR-Hudson St-I-71 to Cleveland Ave (Voted Carryover) / \$67,703.00 / \$250,776.00 / \$318,479.00 (to match cash)

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7704 / P530103-100068 / ASR-Hudson St-I-71 to Cleveland Ave (Voted Carryover) / \$318,479.00 / (\$206,527.00) / \$111,952.00

7704 / P530103-100060 / Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening (Bexley Corp to 7th Av) (Voted Carryover) / \$330,000.00 / \$500,000.00 / \$830,000.00

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$119,348.39, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), from Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P590131-100023 (Miscellaneous Developments - American Addition Infrastructure Phase 4), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) to Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P530103-100060 (Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening (Bexley Corp to 7th Av)), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$174,125.13, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 7704 (Streets and Highways Bond Fund), from Dept-Div 5913 (Design and Construction), Project P540007-100060 (TSI - Columbus Traffic Signal System Ph F), Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) to Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P530103-100060 (Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening (Bexley Corp to 7th Av)), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening project in an amount up to \$500,000.00.

SECTION 5. That the expenditure of \$500,000.00, 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 P530103-100060 (Arterial Street Rehabilitation - Cassady Avenue Widening (Bexley Corp to 7th Av)), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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.