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BACKGROUND: The City’s Department of Public service (“DPS”) is engaged in the Roadway -Blossom Field Boulevard - Broad to Westbourne project, project number 530161-100220, (“Public Project”). The City must acquire certain fee simple title and lesser real estate located in the vicinity of Blossom Field Boulevard between East Broad Street and Westbourne Avenue, (collectively, “Real Estate”) in order for DPS to timely complete the Public Project. The City passed Ordinance Number 2372-2024 authorizing the City Attorney to acquire the Real Estate. Accordingly, the City intends to appropriate and accept the Real Estate in the event the City Attorney is unable to (i) locate the owners of the Real Estate, or (ii) agree with the owners of the Real Estate in good faith regarding the amount of just compensation.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION: Emergency action is requested in order to acquire the Real Estate and allow DPS to timely complete the Public Project to meet the March 2026 clear date which will preserve the public peace, health, property, safety, and welfare.

To declare the City’s necessity and intent to appropriate and accept certain fee simple title and lesser real estate in order to complete the Roadway - Blossom Field Boulevard - Broad to Westbourne project; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the City intends to improve certain public right-of-way by allowing the Department of Public Service (“DPS”) to engage in the Roadway - Blossom Field Boulevard - Broad to Westbourne project, project number 530161-100220 (“Public Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City intends for the City Attorney to acquire the necessary fee simple title and lesser real estate located in the vicinity of Blossom Field Boulevard between East Broad Street and Westbourne Avenue (“Real Estate”) in order to complete the Public Project; and

WHEREAS, the City intends for the Real Estate’s acquisition to help make, improve, or repair certain portions of public right-of-way and associated appurtenances which will be open to the public without charge; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to appropriate and accept the Real Estate in the event the City Attorney is unable to (i) locate the owners of the Real Estate, or (ii) agree with the owners of the Real Estate in good faith regarding the amount of just compensation; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of DPS in that it is immediately necessary to acquire the Real Estate prior to the March 2026 clear date for acquisition in order to prevent unnecessary delay in completing the public project, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, welfare, and safety; and **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the City, pursuant to the City’s Charter, Columbus City Revised Code, Chapter 909 (1959),

Constitution of the state of Ohio, and Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 719, declares the necessity and intent to appropriate and accept the fee simple title and lesser real estate to the following listed parcels (“Real Estate”), which are fully described in their associated exhibits and incorporated into this resolution for reference, in order for the Department of Public Service (“DPS”) to complete the Roadway - Blossom Field Boulevard - Broad to Westbourne project, project number 530161-100220 (“Public Project”).

(Exhibit) ... (Public Project Parcel Identification) ... (Real Estate)

- 1) 8-T (24 Month Temporary Easement)**
- 2) 8-WD (Fee Simple Without Limitation of Access)**
- 3) 9- U (Perpetual General Utility Easement)**

SECTION 2. That the City Attorney is authorized to cause a written notice of this resolution’s adoption to be served in the manner provided by law upon the owner(s), person(s) in possession, or person(s) possessing a real or possible real property interest of record in the Real Estate.

SECTION 3. That the Real Estate’s acquisition will help make, improve, or repair certain portions of public right-of-way and associated appurtenances which will be open to the public without change.

SECTION 4. That this resolution, for the reasons stated in the preamble, which are made a part of this resolution and fully incorporated for reference as if rewritten, is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after this resolution’s adoption and approval by the Mayor or ten (10) days after its adoption if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this resolution.