



Legislation Text

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DPS Traffic Signal Communications Upgrade \$150,000

Transportation

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Due to the bids coming in higher than expected, authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of an extra \$150,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Franklin Park/Westfield Tax Increment Fund (TIF) for traffic signal communication upgrades and installation of signal performance measures (SPM) software to improve traffic signal timing and coordination in the TIF area; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40, 5709.42 and 5709.43 provide City Council with the authority to dedicate real estate tax proceeds on specific parcels towards infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of those parcels. In 2004, to improve safety conditions and reduce hazards to vehicular traffic associated with the expansion of the Franklin Park Mall and Westgate Village Shopping Center, City Council passed Ordinance 810-04 enabling tax proceeds from properties in these areas to be dedicated to infrastructure improvements in their respective vicinities.

The Division of Transportation is requesting the appropriation and expenditure of \$150,000 from the Franklin Park/Westfield Tax Increment Fund (TIF). This money will be used for a project to improve communications to the traffic signals in the TIF area, as well as installing high-resolution traffic data collection and analytics software that will proactively optimize traffic signal timing.

Approving the expenditure of these critical funds now will allow for timely bidding and construction to ensure all projects are completed this year in a balanced, efficient fashion. It also allows for the processing of agreements needed to accept the outside grant and loan dollars before funding agency deadlines.

The fiscal impact of this ordinance is as follows:

- The amount of funds requested: \$150,000
- The expenditure budget line item: 5031-22500-8CT1803TRCOMM
- New revenue generated (operational revenue, grants, if any): none
- Revenue budget line item (if any): none
- Are funds budgeted in the current fiscal year (yes/no)? no
- Is this a capital project (yes/no)? no
- If yes, is it new or existing (new/existing)? N/A
- What section of the City's Strategic Plan does this support:
 - o Excellence in Basic Services (yes/no) yes
 - o Quality Community Investment (Livable City, Development) (yes/no) yes
 - o Workplace Culture & Customer Service (yes/no) yes
 - o Environment (yes/no) yes

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the sum of \$150,000 is authorized for appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Franklin Park/Westfield Tax Increment Fund to account code account code 5031-22500-8CT1803TRCOMM for traffic signal communication upgrades and installation of signal performance measures (SPM) software; and further authorizing the expenditure of same.

SECTION 2. That the mayor is authorized to prepare plans and specifications, accept bids and award contracts to complete the improvements identified above, including such items as labor, materials, and professional services and for property appraisals, title work, negotiations, acquisition, and environmental contamination studies that are necessary to acquire additional rights-of-way as required. Contracts shall contain such terms and conditions as the mayor may deem requisite and proper and shall be subject to approval by the Directors of Law and Public Service.

SECTION 3. That the Finance Director is authorized to issue his warrant or warrants against the account code identified in Section 1 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in payment of the obligations incurred pursuant to the contract authorized in Section 2 above upon presentation of proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 4. That the disappropriation of any remaining budget to fund balance is authorized at project closeout.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and property and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective in order to facilitate this work beginning early this year to meet completion deadlines.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas _____, nays _____.

Passed: _____, as an emergency measure: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council

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Attest: _____
Clerk of Council