



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2025 THOROUGHFARE PLAN

WHEREAS, Gahanna Codified Ordinance Section 145.02 requires the Thoroughfare Plan to be formally evaluated every ten years and a general review to be conducted every five years; and

WHEREAS, the last in-depth Thoroughfare Plan assessment was adopted by ORD-0004-2007, with general updates performed in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Thoroughfare Plan is due for a comprehensive evaluation and update; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive update will provide vision and guidance for staff, developers, and residents with respect to the future of transportation within the City; to wit: 1) evaluating the community's long-range growth, density, and land use type nexus to the transportation and mobility networks, 2) identifying Gahanna's role and collaboration in relation to regional transportation and transit, congestion, job and housing variables, and commuter trends, 3) enhancing community livability, including improving health and safety, infrastructure upgrades, and neighborhood traffic safety, 4) developing a framework for community mobility through safe and accessible multi-modal options, while addressing congestion and creating a balanced transportation system, 5) encouraging transportation choices and access across modes and demographics in all transportation decisions, 6) identifying and planning for emerging technologies or potential social changes, such as autonomous vehicles, smart grids, intelligent transportation technologies, increasing automation, and envisioning how technology can enable better connectivity and interaction with local government, 7) cultivating new and existing partnerships, locally and regionally, for better communication, efficiencies, and support, and 8) developing prioritization criteria and decision support metrics across all areas of the City's multi-modal transportation system, addressing short-term, mid-term, and long-term needs with phasing, funding, and Capital Improvement Plan integration; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Engineering issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) for professional planning and engineering services for the 2025 Thoroughfare Plan; and

WHEREAS, a total of four responses from firms were received, scored, shortlisted, and interviewed, with Burgess & Niple, Inc. selected as the best qualified; and

WHEREAS, the technical proposal, scope, and fee negotiations resulted in \$283,888 for professional services for the 2025 Thoroughfare Plan, and the 10 percent contingency to cover unforeseen items brings the total to \$312,277.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA,
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to award and enter into contract with BURGESS & NIPLE, INC., primary offices located at 330 RUSH ALLEY, SUITE 700, COLUMBUS, OH 43215, for professional services for the 2025 Thoroughfare Plan comprehensive update; said contract attached hereto as EXHIBIT A and made a part herein.

Section 2. That funding in the amount of \$312,277 has already been appropriated from the following accounts for 2024 appropriations:

243.13.000.5210 - Engineering Prof. Services: \$250,000

325.06.550.5505 - Capital Improv. Fund: \$62,277

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage by this Council and 30 days after the date of signature of approval by the Mayor.