

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**  
**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**Division of Engineering and Construction**

**CUY-2-15.26, Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge**

**Ordinance No.**                    **683-2021**

**Purpose:**                                This Department requests legislation to authorize the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to apply, accept funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the preliminary alternative study; to authorize the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects: to apply for and accept gifts, grants, and other funding from other entities; to enter into agreements and to accept funds from railroads, NEORS and GCRTA; to enter into any and all agreements necessary for the project; to enter into one or more Professional Service contracts with Osborn Engineering Company in an amount not exceed \$5,000,000 for traffic modeling and preliminary engineering; to enter into Professional service agreements to represent and perform management services for the City; to authorize the Division of Purchasing and Supplies to acquire, accept, and record for right of way purposes any real property necessary for the project, including but not limited to gift, fee simple acquisitions, temporary easements, and permanent easements; to add any and all funds as authorized by Director of Finance.

**Description:**                        The Project will provide enhanced pedestrian access to the lakefront connecting Downtown Cleveland and leverage a cohesive and open city grid and create sites for economic development. This land-bridge, with surrounding infrastructure improvements, will separate pedestrian and vehicle movements. The Project will investigate alternatives to safe pedestrian and vehicle access to the lakefront that could impact current public right of way such as Route 2, Erieside Avenue, West 3rd Street, East 9th Street and Lakeside Avenue.

Osborn Engineering Company was part of a group of architects, Engineers and planners under contract with private entity that performed conceptual development and access programming to the Lakefront. The Lakefront Vision Plan was developed from June 2019 to present and it was presented to Planning Commission and Council on May 17, 2021. Osborn Engineering Company was the lead transportation, bridge and traffic consultant during the

development of the Plan which includes the Pedestrian Bridge Connector. Osborn has assembled a well-qualified group of sub-consultants in the fields of land survey, land acquisition, environmental services, geotechnical services, utility underground investigation, rail, transit and structures to further the development of the Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge Connector.

**Traffic Modeling and Preliminary Engineering:**

\$5,000,000

**Funding Source:**

\$2,500,000 – ODOT Jobs and Commerce Grant  
\$2,500,000 – Existing Road and Bridge Bonds from East 9<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian Bridge

**Project Schedule:**

Design: November 2021 – December 2022

**Ward:**

3, Councilmember McCormack  
7, Councilmember Jones  
10, Councilmember Hairston  
15, Councilmember Spencer