

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

North Coast Connector Project (AKA Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge Connector)

Ordinance No. 744-2024

Purpose: This Department requests legislation to authorize the Director of Capital Projects: to solicit and select professional consultant(s) to provide professional services for the study and design of various public improvements to create safe vehicular, pedestrian and multi-modal connectivity between downtown and the Lakefront and improve and/or construct roadways to safely convey all modes of transport into and out of downtown; to identify, apply and contract with an entity to execute an alternative construction delivery method; to enter into one or more contracts in making of the public improvement; to enter into one or more professional service contracts; to enter into agreements with private utilities and to accept funds; to enter into agreements to distribute to and/or accept funds from NEORSD, Railroads and GCRTA; to apply for and accept federal funds; to apply for and accept grants or gifts from any public or private entity; to accept cash contributions from public or private entities, to authorize the Division of Purchasing and Supplies to acquire, accept, and record all land necessary in making of the public improvement, including but not limited to gift, fee simple acquisitions, temporary easements, permanent easements, and work agreements; to add any and all funds as authorized by the Director of Finance.

Description: Legislation to authorize Director of MOCAP to enter into various agreements to facilitate the North Coast Connector Project (AKA Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge Connector).

The North Coast Connector Project includes the construction of a non-vehicular bridge connecting Mall C to the Lakefront; the partial reassignment of State Route 2 between W. 3rd Ave and Interstate 90; the reconfiguration of State Route 2 and the addition of an intersection and roadway, 18th St. extension; Port Rd. relocation; the removal, installation and/or construction of all other improvements including, drainage upgrades, utility relocation; installation of curb, sidewalk, driveways, pedestrian, bicycle, and multi-modal paths/trails, traffic and pedestrian signaling, signage, markings, and all other necessary appurtenances to support project completion.

Project Cost Estimate: Professional Services Stage 1 Design - \$11 Million
Construction Cost: TBD

Funding Sources: ARPA - \$5 Million
ODNR - \$5 Million
Private/Public – Various Funding Sources

Schedule: RFQ Design Stage 1: Summer 2024
RFP Alternative Constriction Method: Summer 2026
Plan Implementation: 2027-2030

Ward: 3 (Kerry McCormack)