

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Michael Smith, Public Works Director

**Date:** November 12, 2013

**Subject:** **Approval of Grant Application for Improvements at North Peachtree Road at Peeler Road and Tilly Mill Road**

---

### **ITEM DESCRIPTION**

Approval of Grant Application to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) for Improvements at North Peachtree Road at Peeler Road and Tilly Mill Road

### **BACKGROUND**

Based on information and input gathered from the concept design presented at a public information meeting and City Council meeting, the final design has been substantially completed for improvements at the intersections of North Peachtree Road with Peeler Road and Tilly Mill Road. Over the last several months, approximately half of the necessary rights of way and easements have been acquired and the remaining acquisitions are under negotiation.

Based on the final engineering design, the construction cost estimate including contingency is \$2,700,000. Including the recently approved 2014 budget, the City has set aside partial funding for the project in the amount of \$1,900,000. A significant portion of the estimated costs is related to storm water improvements designed to meet current regulations and to control existing and future storm water flows. Staff is currently considering value engineering options for storm water treatment in an effort to achieve the most cost effective design.

### **DISCUSSION**

Absent any outside funding assistance, staff anticipates a budget request for the balance of the construction funding out of surplus HOST funds in 2014 or out of the 2015 budget. However, the City currently has an opportunity to seek funding through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) which is administered by the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). The GTIB is a revolving infrastructure investment fund which is backed by state funding. Staff has prepared a competitive application for \$800,000 to the GTIB. Though there is no requirement for local matching funds, the City's existing financial commitment to the project should make the application more competitive. A \$50 non-refundable application fee is required with the grant application.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution in support of an \$800,000 grant request to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. If awarded the grant, this project would be fully funded and the timeline for construction could potentially be accelerated.

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

**RESOLUTION 2013-11-XX**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR GEORGIA  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK GRANT PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** the City seeks to improve and enhance its infrastructure for all users of the transportation system; and
- WHEREAS,** the City’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan recommends improvements to the intersection of North Peachtree Road and Tilly Mill Road; and
- WHEREAS,** the City developed a concept plan for the intersection improvement that was presented at a public information meeting and publically held City Council Meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has provided \$2,375,000 for the design, right of way acquisition and partial construction funding in the Fiscal Year 2012, 2013 and 2014 budgets; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has substantially completed the engineering design and construction documents; and
- WHEREAS,** the City looks forward to working with the State Road and Tollway Authority to complete a project that adds transportation and economic value; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody, that the City of Dunwoody supports the application for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank grant for the construction of improvements at the intersections of North Peachtree Road with Peeler Road and Tilly Mill Road and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

**SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

Seal