

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: March 9, 2015

Subject: **Resolution to Support the Georgetown Gateway Project Application for the TIP Project Solicitation**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Adopt a resolution in support of the Georgetown Gateway Project application for federal funding in response to Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project solicitation

BACKGROUND

The need for improvements along Chamblee Dunwoody Road is identified in both the Georgetown/North Shallowford Master Plan and the city's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow, enhance the pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the corridor, and enhance the area's character as a gateway into the city. Federal funding totaling \$840,000 has previously been awarded for this project through the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Last Mile Connectivity program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which both focus on providing safe facilities for non-motorized travel.

Conceptual design alternatives were presented at a public meeting in December 2014 and at the January 2015 meeting of the city council. The council expressed general consensus for a preferred alternative that incorporates both multi-use paths and sidewalks as necessary, to minimize the impacts to adjacent residential property owners.

The Atlanta Regional Commission is currently accepting applications for additional federal funding for existing TIP projects under the Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives Program. The Georgetown Gateway project meets the eligibility requirements for these programs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of a resolution in support of an application for \$3,800,000 of additional federal funding for construction of the Georgetown Gateway project. Any funding received would require a 20% local match but would replace local funding already anticipated to be needed to complete this project.

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE GEORGETOWN GATEWAY APPLICATION FOR THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PROJECT SOLICITATION

- WHEREAS,** the Georgetown Gateway project is within the Georgetown/North Shallowford Livable Centers Initiative Plan Area; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody is committed to the implementation of this Master Plan and has already begun work on many of the projects recommended in the plan ; and
- WHEREAS,** the highest priority project in the Master Plan is Chamblee Dunwoody Road Multi-Modal Improvements now referred to as the Georgetown Gateway project; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody has completed a scoping study for the Georgetown Gateway project which included concept development, a public open house, a presentation to the City Council and an initial cost estimate; and
- WHEREAS,** the City recognizes the importance of the public realm, made up of street improvements, bicycle and pedestrian amenities, and aesthetic treatments in the fostering of a vibrant and livable community; and
- WHEREAS,** the construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Chamblee Dunwoody Road will extend the existing network and is an integral element in creating the community envisioned by the LCI area plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby support the application for the Atlanta Regional Commission's TIP Project Solicitation and hereby authorize the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLEVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody agree that the City of Dunwoody will provide the required 20% local match for any federal funds received.

SO RESOVLED AND EFFECTIVE this 9th day of March, 2015.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk