

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: March 13, 2017

Subject: **Approval of a Resolution in Support of a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Grant Application**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Approval of a resolution in support of a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Grant application for minor intersection improvements on Meadow Lane Road

BACKGROUND

The Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) provides grant and loan funding for transportation projects that enhance mobility. Priority is given to projects that are ready for construction and that add economic and transportation value. The city has previously been awarded GTIB funding for the Tilly Mill Road/North Peachtree Road intersection project and for design of the Westside Connector.

For the current funding cycle staff is recommending two relatively low-cost intersection improvements on Meadow Lane Road that will improve traffic flow and safety. The first improvement involves the addition of a left turn lane on the eastbound approach to Ridgeview Road and the second involves lengthening the eastbound left turn lanes at Ashford Dunwoody Road. Both improvements have been identified based on requests from the public and are proposed to be incorporated into the transportation plan five year update. Construction can be contained within the existing roadway and no additional right of way will be needed.

Though the grant does not require a financial commitment from the City, a high percentage of matching funds makes for a more competitive application. Staff is proposing a request of \$100,000 from the GTIB with a \$50,000 match from the city. It is anticipated that the grant funding will not be awarded until late 2017 in which case the city could include the matching funds in the 2018 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution in support of a \$100,000 grant request to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. A \$250 non-refundable application fee is required with the grant application.

**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 Perimeter Center area as one of the largest concentrations of office space in the southeast is vital to the economy of Atlanta and Georgia; and
- WHEREAS,** Meadow Lane Road, with a daily traffic volume over 13,000 vehicles, is an important collector road for commuters into and out of Perimeter Center; and
- WHEREAS,** analysis of the traffic indicates that two intersections on the corridor are deficient and do not accommodate the traffic safely and efficiently; and
- WHEREAS,** the City is committing \$50,000 to the improve the two deficient intersections; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has worked successfully with the State Road and Tollway Authority to implement transportation improvements and appreciates the opportunity to advance another project that adds transportation and economic value for the state; 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 improvements at two intersections on Meadow Lane Road and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 13th day of March 2017.

Approved:

Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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