

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Mindy Sanders, Capital Projects Manager

**Date:** May 8, 2017

**Subject:** **Approval of a Resolution in Support of a Request for Federal Funding for Chamblee Dunwoody Road Multimodal Improvements (Peeler Road to Vermack Road)**

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

Adopt a resolution in support of an application for federal funding to complete design of multimodal improvements on Chamblee Dunwoody Road between Peeler Road and Vermack Road.

**BACKGROUND**

The need for improvements at the intersections of Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Peeler Road and at Vermack Road are identified in the city's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) as high priority projects. The purpose of these projects are to improve the safety and traffic operations and provide connectivity for pedestrian and bicycle facilities along this segment of the Chamblee Dunwoody corridor.

This project will connect to improvements currently being developed on Chamblee Dunwoody Road as part of the Georgetown Gateway project. During the public involvement for the Gateway project, concepts for Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Peeler Road and at Vermack Road were presented. The conceptual alternatives to improve traffic flow at the Peeler Road intersection included adding additional left turn lanes or a roundabout. For both concepts, it was determined that additional northbound receiving lanes on Chamblee Dunwoody Road would be required to continue towards Vermack Road in order to significantly improve the operations at this intersection.

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is currently accepting applications for federal transportation funding. The City Council has previously authorized staff to submit a request for additional federal funds to construct improvement on Chamblee Dunwoody Road between Cotillion Drive and Peeler Road (Georgetown Gateway Project). Staff is now proposing a second request for design between Peeler Road and Vermack Road since ARC will not likely have another call for projects until 2019.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends approval of a resolution in support of an application for \$500,000 of federal funding for the development of a final design and construction documents. 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 CHAMBLEE DUNWOODY ROAD MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS (PEELER ROAD TO VERMACK ROAD) APPLICATION FOR THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION’S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PROJECT SOLICITATION**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody is committed to the implementation of the city’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP); and

**WHEREAS,** the Chamblee Dunwoody Road corridor is an important connection through the City of Dunwoody; and

**WHEREAS,** the construction of this project, together with other projects currently programmed along this corridor, would complete recommended improvements along Chamblee Dunwoody Road between I-285 and Roberts Drive; and

**WHEREAS,** the intersections of Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Peeler Road and Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Vermack Road present safety and operational issues for vehicular and non-vehicular traveling public within this corridor and are recommended projects in the CTP; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody has presented concept alternates for these intersection projects at a public open house and provided a presentation to the City Council and an initial cost estimate during the public involvement process of the Georgetown Gateway project; 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 City of Dunwoody.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk