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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: May 11, 2020

Subject: **Resolution in Support of a Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Grant to Install Landscaping along the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Access Road**

BACKGROUND

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is accepting grant proposals on behalf of the Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council (REBC). The REBC Grant Program provides funding for beautification projects along Georgia's roadways. The program is funded by fees paid by outdoor advertising companies to GDOT for vegetation removal at outdoor advertising signs. Dunwoody previously received a grant in 2016 for landscaping on the North Peachtree Road off ramp at I-285.

The grant funds can only be used for landscaping along state routes, which limits the options in Dunwoody to the I-285 corridor and the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard (PIB) corridor. In identifying potential locations for beautification, staff did not consider any areas on the I-285 ramps and Cotillion Drive since they will likely be impacted by the state's upcoming projects on I-285. On PIB, an area for beautification has been identified between the south side of the PIB access road and a retaining wall for PIB near Winters Chapel Road (see attached). The area, currently covered by grass and bare dirt, would be enhanced with low growing shrubs and ornamental grasses in compliance with GDOT guidelines.

The city is requesting a grant of up to \$50,000 with a local match of up to \$25,000 depending on the final cost of the landscape installation. As part of the grant submittal, the city must adopt the attached resolution which acknowledges that if the city receives the grant it will enter into an agreement with GDOT to maintain the landscaped area. The city is already mowing this area monthly.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution in support of the Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council grant application.



A RESOLUTION* OF THE City Council **OF THE** City of Dunwoody

WHEREAS, many roadside areas within Department of Transportation rights of way must be maintained and attractively landscaped; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dunwoody desire(s) to beautify and improve various rights of way by landscaping within the City of Dunwoody; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dunwoody desire(s) to authorize the City Manager to apply for an REBC Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, and if awarded, to enter into a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between City of Dunwoody and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dunwoody

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby authorize(s) the City Manager to apply for an REBC Grant. Upon award of the grant, the City Council shall enter into a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Dunwoody and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Section 2. The City/County Clerk of City of Dunwoody is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Department of Transportation and all other persons as directed by the City Manager.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Dunwoody at the regular meeting assembled this 11th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY/COUNTY CLERK

(City Seal)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY/COUNTY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: Mayor of the City of Dunwoody

* This Resolution is an anticipatory document to allow the local government entity to be aware they will eventually be required to sign a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement for the roadside enhancement site.