

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with GDOT for the Acquisition of Certain Property for Right of Way Purposes
AGENDA SUMMARY:	The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has requested that the city enter into an agreement to handle the negotiations with Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church for the necessary right of way needed for the I-185/Cusseta/Old Cusseta Road project. This project is funded entirely under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2012.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with GDOT for the city to administer the negotiation process with the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church for the right of way needed for the I-185/Cusseta/Old Cusseta Road project.

Background: The I-185/Cusseta/Old Cusseta Road project will be the construction of a new interchange that will provide direct access to I-185 for this area of the community. The project will require the acquisition of certain right of way that will include property owned by Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church. Because of the sensitivity of the historic church property, GDOT has requested that any acquisition be handled on a local level.

Analysis: The agreement will require the City to handle all negotiations with the church on obtaining any right of way needed for this project.

Financial Considerations: This project is being funded entirely under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2012.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the contractual agreement.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with GDOT for the city to administer the negotiation process with the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church for the right of way needed for the I-185/Cusseta/Old Cusseta Road project.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has requested the purchase of certain properties owned by the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church is required for the necessary right of way needed to construct the proposed interstate interchange located at I-185/Cusseta/Old Cusseta Roads be performed by the City; and,

WHEREAS, GDOT requires a Local Project Development agreement that identifies the responsibilities of negotiating and purchasing the right of way from the church for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Local Project Development agreement for purposes of negotiating and purchasing the needed right of way from the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church for the construction of the proposed interstate interchange at I-185/Cusseta/Old Cusseta Roads.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor