

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | FY2026 Georgia Department of Transportation – Y410 Funds - Transportation Planning Contract |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY2026 Y410 Planning funds for Safe & Accessible Transportation Options - (H.R. 3684 - Sect, 11206), as outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This funding is required to be included in the Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). The Y410 Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$8,782.12 is requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This is a five-year annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration which began in FY 2023 and will conclude in FY 2027, as outlined in the IIJA. This will require a new budget to be created by the Finance Department. |
| INITIATED BY: | Planning Department |

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY2026 Y410 Planning funds for Safe & Accessible Transportation Options - (H.R. 3684 - Sect, 11206), as outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This funding is required to be included in the Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). The Y410 Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$8,782.12 is requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This is a five-year annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration which began in FY 2023 and will conclude in FY 2027, as outlined in the IIJA. This will require a new budget to be created by the Finance Department.

Background: On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The IIJA is the first major infrastructure law enacted since the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015. The IIJA requires each MPO to use at least 2.5% of its PL funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities under section 104(d) of title 23, United States Code. The Transportation Planning Division, which is housed within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will perform the planning work as outlined in the IIJA. This work includes the adoption of Complete Streets standards or policies, development of a Complete Streets prioritization plan that identifies a specific list of Complete Streets projects to improve the safety, mobility, or accessibility of a street, to improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Analysis: The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the urban area. The Transportation Planning Division is the designated MPO recipient and project administrator of H.R. 3684 – Section 11206 funds. The Y410 Transportation Planning Funds are

designed for the Columbus-Phenix City MPO for the performance of the Safe & Accessible Transportation activities.

Financial Considerations: The Y410 Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$8,782.12 is requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation. This will be an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for next five years starting in FY 2023 and ending in FY 2027 as outlined in the IJA. The following is a breakdown of funding sources.

| FHWA – H.R. 3684 – Section 11206 Funds | | |
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| FHWA | 100% | \$8,782.12 |
| Total GDOT Contract | 100% | \$8,782.12 |
| | TOTAL | \$8,782.12 |

Legal Considerations: The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study is in compliance with all applicable planning requirements and certifications necessary in order to receive the federal funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract to receive Federal Funding for the FY2026 Y410 Transportation Planning Activities and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The Finance Department will need to create a new budget for these funds.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF ON THE CITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT THE FY2026 Y410 PLANNING FUNDS FOR SAFE & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS – (H.R. 3684 – SECT 11206), AS OUTLINED IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD. THIS FUNDING IS REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK ACTIVITIES OF THE COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY (C-PCTS).

WHEREAS, the FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study has been reviewed and approved by the United States Department of Transportation (FHWA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); and,

WHEREAS, the FY2026 UPWP indicates the amount of Section 11206 – Y410 Transportation Planning Funds to be provided by GDOT to be \$8,782.12.

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

- (1) That the Mayor, City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia and receive an amount up to \$8,782.12 as may be necessary to carry out said contract; and,
- (2) That the City Manager is authorized to execute (or to delegate to the Metropolitan Planning Organization) the execution of and file with such application and assurance, or, other documents required by GDOT in connection with the application, and to requisition state funds to reimburse the City for eligible expenses under any resulting grant contracts; and,
- (3) That the Finance Department will need to create a new budget for these funds.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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| Councilor Allen voting | _____. |
| Councilor Chambers voting | _____. |
| Councilor Cogle voting | _____. |
| Councilor Crabb voting | _____. |
| Councilor Davis voting | _____. |
| Councilor Garrett voting | _____. |
| Councilor Hickey voting | _____. |
| Councilor Huff voting | _____. |
| Councilor Thomas voting | _____. |
| Councilor Tucker voting | _____. |

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor