

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY2026 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Contract</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY2026 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$342,502.81 are requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, which will require a 20% match of \$85,625.70, which is budgeted in the FY2026 General Fund.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Planning Department</b>

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY2026 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$342,502.81 are requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, which will require a 20% match of \$85,625.70, which is budgeted in the FY2026 General Fund.

**Background:** During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives a contract on behalf of the City from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 112 Funds to perform multi-modal transportation planning activities identified in the Columbus-Phenix City Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Transportation Planning Division, which is housed within the MPO, performs the planning work that includes items such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Congestion Management Process (CMP), Site Impact Analysis, Traffic Modeling Networks, and additional planning activities. The City is required to provide the 20% local match for \$85,625.70 to receive the Federal Funds.

**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 Section 112 Transportation Planning Funds. The Transportation Planning Funds are designated for the Columbus-Phenix City MPO for the performance of multi-modal transportation activities.

**Financial Considerations:** Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$342,502.81 is requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, which will require a 20% match. The following is a breakdown of funding sources.

<b>FHWA - Section 112 Funds</b>		
FHWA	80%	\$342,502.81
Local Match	20%	\$85,625.70
Total GDOT Contract	100%	\$428,128.51
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$428,128.51

The City’s 20% match of \$85,625.70 is budgeted in the FY2026 Budget General Fund.

**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 execute a contract to receive Federal Funding for the FY2026 Transportation Planning Activities and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the contract and local match.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT THE FY2026 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES OF THE COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY (C-PCTS) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT AND LOCAL FUNDS.**

**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 112 Transportation Planning Funds to be provided by GDOT to be \$342,502.81; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a local match of \$85,625.70 to receive the Section 112 Funds.

**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 \$342,502.81 as may be necessary to carry out said contract; and,
  - (2) That the City gives assurance that, should said contract be executed, it is the intent of the Council to commit \$85,625.70 for the local match of planning expenses; and,
  - (3) 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.
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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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 Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor