

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Request
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for funding in the amount of \$2,800,000 available through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which is administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the development of non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects. and accept the amount awarded and amend the Transportation project fund by the amount awarded. Funding in the amount of \$1,400,000 will be available for FY 2022 and FY 2023 for a total of \$2,800,000. A match of 20 percent (\$280,000) will be required for each fiscal year, with the funding coming from TSPLOST Discretionary Funds.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for funding in the amount of \$2,800,000 for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. This funding is available through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which is administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the development of non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects and accept the amount awarded and amend the Transportation project fund by the amount awarded.

Background: TAP funds are available from GDOT who partners with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in providing opportunities for local governments to provide for pedestrian, biking and streetscapes projects.

Analysis: Funding will be used to construct new pedestrian, biking and streetscapes projects in the community.

Financial Considerations: Funding in the amount of \$1,400,000 will be available for FY 2022 and FY 2023 for a total of \$2,800,000. A match of 20 percent (\$280,000) will be required for each fiscal year, with the funding coming from TSPLOST Discretionary Funds.

Legal Considerations: No legal considerations.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to apply for funding in the amount of \$2,800,000 for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. This funding is available through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which is administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the development of non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects and accept the amount awarded and amend the Transportation project fund by the amount awarded.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) TO ACCEPT ANY FUNDS IF AWARDED AND TO AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation through its Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) provides funding for the development of non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects, and,

WHEREAS, the TAP program will provide funding in the amount of \$1,400,000 for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for a total of \$2,800,000.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for funding in the amount of \$2,800,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternative Program for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for the development of non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects and accept the amount awarded and amend the Transportation project fund by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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