

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement Steam Mill Road Improvements |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Steam Mill Road Improvements Project. TSPLOST will fund 100% of the cost of this \$22,500,000 project. This includes but not limited to engineering, environmental, right of way, and construction cost. Funds will be reimbursed by GDOT TIA Office. |
| INITIATED BY: | Department of Engineering |

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive Transportation Investment Act Funds and perform all elements of work as outlined in the agreement in order to deliver the Steam Mill Road Improvements project.

Background: May 24, 2022, voters in the River Valley special district, of which Columbus is a part, approved a regional transportation special local option sales tax (TSPLOST). This is also known as the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. This legislation authorized the funding of designated transportation projects as determined by a regional roundtable committee of local elected officials from the region and approved by its citizens. The collection of the TSPLOST begins January 1, 2023. This agreement will allow Columbus to begin the project ahead of the collection period.

Analysis: Eleven TSPLOST projects were approved for Columbus for Band 1 (2023-2025), which included the Steam Mill Road Corridor Improvement Project.

Financial Considerations: The TSPLOST will fund 100% of the cost of this \$22,500,000 project. This includes but not limited to engineering, environmental, right of way, and construction cost. Funds will be reimbursed by GDOT TIA Office.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the contracts/agreements with the Georgia Department of Transportation for these funds/projects.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive Transportation Investment Act Funds and perform all elements of work as outlined in the agreement in order to deliver the Steam Mill Road Improvements 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 (GDOT) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (TSPLOST) FUNDS AND TO PROCEED WITH ALL ELEMENTS OF WORK AS OUTLINED IN THE AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION, PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS, UTILITY RELOCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO DELIVER THE STEAM MILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, the citizens of the River Valley Special District under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010, approved by referendum a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to fund transportation needs in the sixteen-county region which includes Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, eleven (11) projects were approved in Band 1 (2023-2025), including \$ 22,500,000.00 for the Steam Mill Road Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this project will be 100 percent funded from the collection of the TSPLOST funds which collections begin January 1, 2023 and will require no local match for the City.

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

SECTION I.

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to receive funds allocated in the amount of \$22,500,000.00 and to proceed with all elements of work outlined in the agreement to include but not limited to right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to deliver the Steam Mill Road Improvement Project.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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| 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