

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY 2021 Georgia Department of Transportation – 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 FY 2021 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS).
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 FY 2021 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS).

Background: During June or July of each 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 \$68,569.32 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 \$274,277.28 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.

FHWA - Section 112 Funds		
FHWA	80%	\$274,277.28
Local Match	20%	\$68,569.32
Total GDOT Contract	100%	\$342,846.60
	TOTAL	\$342,846.60

The City's 20% match of \$68,569.32 is budgeted in the FY 2021 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 FY 2021 Transportation Planning Activities.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF ON THE CITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT THE FY 2021 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES OF THE COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY (C-PCTS) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO).

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 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 FY 2021 UPWP indicates the amount of Section 112 Transportation Planning Funds to be provided by GDOT to be \$274,277.28; and,

WHEREAS, there is a local match of \$68,569.32 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 \$274,277.28 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 \$68,569.32 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.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ July 2020 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 Thompson voting _____.

Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor