

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	TSPLOST Project Budgets, TIA 2
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to proceed with project development if preliminary estimates exceed the project budget by either electing to locally fund possible overruns or making selective adjustments to the scope of the project to remain within the allocated TIA2 budgeted funds.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to proceed with project development if preliminary estimates exceed the project budget by either electing to locally fund possible overruns or making selective adjustments to the scope of the project to remain within the allocated TIA2 budgeted funds.

Background: In May 2022, voters in the River Valley District, of which Columbus is a part, approved a regional transportation special purpose 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 the citizens. The collection of TSPLOST began January 1, 2023. However, issues with inflation and supply chain shortages have caused concerns with remaining within the of the TSPLOST allocated project budget. The following list is a list of the TSPLOST projects in TIA2:

- PI-0019516 Columbus Airport
- PI-0019517 Manchester @ County Line Road Interchange Improvements
- PI-0019519 Steam Mill Road Improvements
- PI-0019520 Williams Road Improvements
- PI-0019521 2nd Avenue Improvements
- PI-0019522 Cusseta Road Improvements
- PI-0019523 Forrest Road Improvements
- PI-0019524 Whitesville Road Improvements
- PI-0019525 Columbus Riverwalk Repaving & Maintenance
- PI-0019526 Morris Road Improvements
- PI-0019527 Buena Vista Road Improvements
- PI-0019528 South Lumpkin Road Improvements
- PI-0019529 Andrews Road Improvements
- PI-0019530 13th Ave/17th St/Linwood Blvd Intersection Improvements
- PI-0019532 Brennan Road Improvements
- PI-0019533 Bull Creek Dragonfly Trail Connector
- PI-0019535 JR Allen @ Schomburg/Blackmon Interchange Improvements

- PI-0019534 University Avenue Road Diet/Streetscape
- PI-0019536 Liberty Theater Block Enhancement (8th Ave)
- PI-0019537 5th Avenue Trail Connector

These projects are either managed by the Columbus Consolidated Government, the Georgia Department of Transportation, or the Columbus Airport Authority.

Analysis: The TIA2 projects will either be completed by utilizing value engineering or providing local supplemental funding to make up the difference if a budget overrun is experienced.

Financial Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government understands that the approval of this concept by GDOT's TIA Office does not ensure additional funding will be allocated to the project budget.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney is reviewing the form of this resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to proceed with project development if preliminary estimates exceed the project budget by either electing to locally fund possible overruns or making selective adjustments to the scope of the project to remain within the allocated TIA2 budgeted funds.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

**A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IF
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES EXCEED THE PROJECT BUDGET BY EITHER
ELECTING TO LOCALLY FUND POSSIBLE OVERRUNS OR MAKE SELECTIVE**

ADJUSTING THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT TO REMAIN WITHIN THE ALLOCATED TIA2 BUDGETED FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the collection of TSPLOST began January 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, issues with inflation and supply chain shortages have caused concerns with remaining within the TSPLOST allocated project budget; and

WHEREAS, the following list of road improvement, safety and alternative transportation projects have been identified, budget estimates provided, and funded through TSPLOST and could potentially be over budget:

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WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government understands that the approval to proceed forward with a project a concept by GDOT’s TIA Office does not ensure additional funding to allocate to the project budget.

WHEREAS, additional local funding or value engineering adjustments will require final approval by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to proceed with project development for each of the projects identified above if preliminary estimates exceed the project budget by either potentially electing to locally fund overruns or making selective adjustments to the scope to remain within the TIA2 allocated project budget.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 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 Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor