

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, State and Community - Highway Safety Program (Operation Safe Walk and Ride Columbus)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY25 Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, State and Community - Highway Safety program (Operation Safe Walk and Ride Columbus) that provides a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle safety program that promotes safe pedestrian and bicycle practices, educates drivers to share the road safely with other road users, and provides safe facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists through a combination of policy, enforcement, communication, education, incentive, and engineering strategies, in the amount of \$79,400, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY25 Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, State and Community - Highway Safety program (Operation Safe Walk and Ride Columbus) that provides a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle safety program that promotes safe pedestrian and bicycle practices, educates drivers to share the road safely with other road users, and provides safe facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists through a combination of policy, enforcement, communication, education, incentive, and engineering strategies, in the amount of \$79,400, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: The FY25 Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, State and Community Highway Safety program funds will be used for planning, implementing, and coordinating pedestrian and bicycle safety programs as part of a comprehensive highway safety initiative.

Analysis: These funds are available through the FY25 Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, State and Community Highway Safety program.

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office is eligible to apply for, receive, and expend these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY25 Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, State and Community –

Highway Safety program (Operation Safe Walk and Ride Columbus) that provides a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle safety program that promotes safe pedestrian and bicycle practices, educates drivers to share the road safely with other road users, and provides safe facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists through a combination of policy, enforcement, communication, education, incentive, and engineering strategies, in the amount of \$79,400, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$79,400, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FY25 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, STATE AND COMMUNITY - HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM (OPERATION SAFE WALK AND RIDE COLUMBUS), AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES SAFE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PRACTICES, EDUCATES DRIVERS TO SHARE THE ROAD SAFELY WITH OTHER ROAD USERS, AND PROVIDES SAFE FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS THROUGH A COMBINATION OF POLICY, ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, INCENTIVE, AND ENGINEERING STRATEGIES.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by **FY25 Governor's Office of Highway Safety, State and Community - Highway Safety program (Operation Safe Walk and Ride Columbus)**, to apply for \$79,400 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, State and Community Highway Safety program; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to provide a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle safety program that promotes safe pedestrian and bicycle practices, educates drivers to share the road safely with other road users, and provides safe facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists through a combination of policy, enforcement, communication, education, incentive, and engineering strategies; and,

WHEREAS, each state should have centralized program planning, implementation, and coordination to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety program issues as part of a comprehensive highway safety program; and,

WHEREAS, funding will assist with developing safety initiatives to reduce fatalities and injuries among high-risk groups as indicated by crash and injury data trends, including children, older adults, and alcohol-impaired pedestrians and bicyclists.; and,

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required for this grant project;

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

That the Mayor or their designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, the FY25 Governor's Office of Highway Safety, State and Community - Highway Safety program (Operation Safe Walk and Ride Columbus), in the amount of \$79,400, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

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 Anker 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	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor