

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Dragonfly Connection – River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connector that will connect River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk. Funding is budgeted in the FY22 budget in TSPLOST Discretionary at \$283,000 and the balance will be provided by other sources. The estimated project budget is \$850,000.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connection that will connect River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk.

Background: The Friends of the Dragonfly Trails Fund located at the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley and the City of Columbus has partnered with the PATH Foundation Inc. to develop and expand the trail network within the city of Columbus. The Friends of the Dragonfly Trails have funded an Executive Director to focus efforts on the marketing, education and expansion of the Dragonfly Trails. The Fund has paid for the engineering and design of the next proposed trail connection from River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk. The Dragonfly Trail System has been a catalyst in making Columbus more accessible and connected by providing a safe way for people travel without a vehicle both for necessity and recreation.

Analysis: The current trail network is 30.6 miles with 1.5 miles under construction for the goal to be 60 miles. The next connection will connect the trail at River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk as presented to Council on July 13th by the Executive Director of the Dragonfly Trails. This connection will add 1 mile to the network.

Financial Considerations: Funding is budgeted in the FY22 budget in TSPLOST Discretionary at \$283,000 and the balance will be provided by other sources. The estimated project budget is \$850,000.

Legal Considerations: City Council must authorize the next connection.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connection that will connect River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, APPROVING THE DRAGONFLY TRAIL CONNECTION THAT WILL CONNECT RIVER ROAD/BRADLEY PARK AND LAKE OLIVER MARINA TO THE RIVERWALK

WHEREAS, the Dragonfly Trails include 30.6 miles of developed trails plus 1.5 miles under construction; and,

WHEREAS, The Executive Director of the Dragonfly Trail System has presented the proposed plan to connect River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk on July 13th; and,

WHEREAS, this connection will add 1 mile to the current trail network.

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

1. This resolution shall constitute approval of the next trail connection as outlined on the attached map.
2. The use of an estimated \$283,000 of TSPLOST Discretionary for Alternative Transportation budgeted in FY22 and the balance from other outside sources.
3. The use of existing City right of way along the proposed route is hereby authorized.
4. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into any negotiations and execute any documents necessary to obtain the required interests in real property for the project whether through acceptance of a donation or purchase.
5. The Purchasing Division is hereby authorized to proceed with the procurement of services necessary to construct the project once the other outside funding sources are confirmed.

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

River Road Connection

Start: River Road & Bradley Drive Roundabout

End: Northern Terminus of the RiverWalk

River Road Trail
0.6 miles

Overall Connectivity Goals:
Connect **North Columbus** neighborhoods and amenities to the **Mill District, Uptown Columbus, Fall Line Trace Trail, and Fort Benning.**



View 1 - Existing



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View 2 – Proposed 12' Wide Bridge

