

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan with a Freight Plan Element and the 2023 Congestion Management Process
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application and if awarded enter into a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation to accept Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update with a Freight Plan element and the 2023 Congestion Management Process, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, which includes a 20% local cash match. The cost of the 2050 MTP and 2023 CMP updates are \$400,000.00 (\$320,000.00 – 80% Federal) and will be funded through the use of Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds allocated to the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). These funds require a 20% match of \$80,000.00 and is funded from the OLOST Infrastructure – Road’s account.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and if awarded enter into a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation to accept Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update with a Freight Plan element and the 2023 Congestion Management Process, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, which includes a 20% local cash match.

Background: The Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to prepare and update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) every five (5) years. The MTP considers transportation needs for the region for a 25-year period. The last three updates (2035, 2040, and 2045) have been completed in house by MPO Staff. FHWA is recommending that a Freight Plan is added to the 2050 MTP update as well.

The 2023 update to the Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a separate report issued by the Columbus-Phenix City MPO. Under federal regulations the Congestion Management Process is required for all metropolitan areas with a population greater than 200,000. The MPO has conducted six iterations of this study (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2016). A key task in the development of a Congestion Management Process is the identification and structuring of congestion mitigation strategies. Collection of travel and delay time data is an important component of this process.

Analysis: The completion of the 2023 Congestion Management Process will determine future transportation improvements and is intended to provide strategies for inclusion in the metropolitan transportation plan and may be used for intermediate and short-term planning purposes. The completion of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will include short term and long-term strategies and actions that lead to the development of an integrated transportation system that facilitates the movement of people and goods.

Financial Considerations: The cost of the 2050 MTP and 2023 CMP updates are \$400,000.00 (\$320,000.00 – 80% Federal) and will be funded through the use of Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds allocated to the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). These funds require a 20% match of \$80,000.00 and is funded from the OLOST Infrastructure – Road’s account.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Transportation Organization is in compliance with all applicable planning requirements and certifications necessary in order to receive the federal funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the resolution authorizing the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization to apply for Federal/State Transportation Planning funds, including a 20% cash match, and if approved, authorize the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to update the 2050 MTP and 2023 CMP and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY MPO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, ALONG WITH A 20% CASH MATCH, AND IF AWARDED, AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UPATE THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE 2023 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS., AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS Federal Highway Administration requires an MPO to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan every five years; and,

WHEREAS the Congestion Management Process is required for all metropolitan areas with a population greater than 200,000; and,

WHEREAS there is a local match of \$80,000.00 to receive the Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds.

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

That the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization is authorized to submit an application and if awarded, the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to update the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2023 Congestion Management Process in the amount of \$400,000.00 and will be funded through the use of Transportation Planning Funds (\$320,000.00 – 80% Federal), which requires a twenty percent (20%) match (\$80,000.00), and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The 20% match has been identified in the OLOST Infrastructure Roads account.

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.

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