

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	TIA 1 Agreement for METRA
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive TIA 1 funds available in METRA project PI# 0011435 in the amount of \$3,500,000 or as otherwise made available in a supplemental agreement with GDOT. This agreement is drafted and proposed by GDOT.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendations: Approval is requested to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive TIA 1 funds available in METRA project PI# 0011435 in the amount of \$3,500,000 or as otherwise made available in a supplemental agreement with GDOT. This agreement is drafted and proposed by GDOT.

Background: On July 31, 2012, the citizens of the River Valley Special District, under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010, approved by referendum a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to fund transportation needs in the sixteen-county region which includes Columbus. METRA Project PI# 0011435 was among eight (8) projects approved in the amount of \$22,400,000.00.

The original agreement with GDOT has expired and an extension of that agreement is not possible. GDOT has drafted and proposed a new agreement for the remaining TIA 1 balance for this project in the amount of \$3,500,000 or as otherwise made available by GDOT through a supplemental agreement.

Analysis: By approving this request, the City will be able to execute a new contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to continue using TIA 1 funding available in METRA Project PI# 0011435 in the amount of \$3,500,000 or as otherwise made available by GDOT in a supplemental agreement.

Financial Considerations: METRA relies on funding generated by TSPLOST to supplement day-to-day transit service and to fund capital projects and items in accordance with the terms of the TIA program as administered through GDOT. There is no local match required.

Legal Considerations: This project is funded by the Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) in an amount of \$3,500,000.00, or as otherwise made available in a supplemental agreement with GDOT and in accordance with the terms of the TIA program.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive TIA 1 funds available in METRA project PI# 0011435 in the amount of \$3,500,000 or as otherwise made available by GDOT through a supplemental agreement. This agreement is drafted and proposed by GDOT.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) TO RECEIVE REMAINING TIA 1 FUNDS AVAILABLE IN METRA PROJECT PI# 0011435 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000 OR AS OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE BY GDOT IN A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, On July 31, 2012, the citizens of the River Valley Special District under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010, approved by referendum a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to fund transportation needs in the sixteen-county region which includes Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, METRA Project PI# 0011435 was among eight (8) projects approved in the amount of \$22,400,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the original agreement with GDOT has expired and an extension of that agreement is not possible; and,

WHEREAS, a new contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is needed to continue using TIA 1 funding available in METRA Project PI# 0011435 in the amount of \$3,500,000 or as otherwise made available by GDOT in a supplemental agreement.

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

That the City is hereby authorized to execute and enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive remaining TIA 1 funds available in METRA project PI# 0011435 in the amount of \$3,500,000 or as otherwise made available by GDOT in a supplemental agreement.

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