

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY 2025 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Contract
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the contract and local match. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration which will require a 20% match of 84,787.30.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the contract and local match. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration which will require a 20% match of 84,787.30.

Background: During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives a contract on behalf of the City from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 112 Funds to perform multi-modal transportation planning activities identified in the Columbus-Phenix City Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Transportation Planning Division, which is housed within the MPO, performs the planning work that includes items such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Congestion Management Process (CMP), Site Impact Analysis, Traffic Modeling Networks, and additional planning activities. The City is required to provide the 20% local match for \$84,787.30 to receive the Federal Funds.

Analysis: The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the urban area. The Transportation Planning Division is the designated MPO recipient and project administrator of Section 112 Transportation Planning Funds. The Transportation Planning Funds are designated for the Columbus-Phenix City MPO for the performance of multi-modal transportation activities.

Financial Considerations: Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$339,149.30 is requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, which will require a 20% match. The following is a breakdown of funding sources.

FHWA – H.R. 3684 – Section 11206 Funds		
FHWA	80%	\$339,149.21
Local Match	20%	\$84,787.30
Total GDOT Contract	100%	\$423,936.51
	TOTAL	\$423,936.51

The City’s 20% match of \$84,787.30 is budgeted in the FY 2025 Budget, General Fund.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) and to amend the Multi- Governmental Fund by the amount of the contract and local match. This is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration which will require a 20% match of 84,787.30.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF ON THE CITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT THE FY 2024 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES OF THE COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY (C-PCTS) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND TO AMEND THE MULTIGOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT AND LOCAL FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study has been reviewed and approved by the United States Department of Transportation (FHWA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2025 UPWP indicates the amount of Section 112 Transportation Planning Funds to be provided by GDOT to be \$339,149.21; and,

WHEREAS, there is a local match of \$84,787.30 to receive the Section 112 Funds.

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

- (1) That the Mayor, City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia and receive an amount up to \$339,149.21 as may be necessary to carry out said contract; and,
- (2) That the City gives assurance that, should said contract be executed, it is the intent of the Council to commit \$84,787.30 for the local match of planning expenses; and
- (3) That the City Manager is authorized to execute (or to delegate to the Metropolitan Planning Organization) the execution of and file with such application and assurance, or other documents required by GDOT in connection with the application, and to requisition state funds to reimburse the City for eligible expenses under any resulting grant contracts.

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