

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Advanced Air Mobility / eVTOL Funding
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft at the Columbus Airport
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft at the Columbus Airport.

Background: Advanced Air Mobility focuses on transporting people and cargo at low altitudes within urban and suburban areas to expand the range of inter-city and regional travel. This initiative will posture Columbus to serve as the regional hub to for eVTOL aircraft. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) conducted a study in 2024 to assess and develop a statewide action plan. Four Georgia airports currently have airside electric charging stations.

Analysis: The first commercial aircraft will take flight in the U.S. this year. Georgia is seeing significant interest from industry for this infrastructure. The benefit of this type of infrastructure includes reduced emergency response times, increased range of access to the urban core, additional disaster response capabilities, stronger connection of rural areas to urban opportunities and others.

Financial Considerations: TSPLOST Discretionary funds are available in the FY27 Budget.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review any related documents.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of eVTOL aircraft at the Columbus Airport.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF UP TO \$2.2 MILLION IN TSPLOST DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRSIDE ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION AND DEDICATED VERTIPORT FOR THE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE OF EVTOL AIRCRAFT AT THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) focuses on transporting people and cargo at low altitudes within urban and suburban areas; and,

WHEREAS, the electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft are less expensive to operate and maintain; and,

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) support the development of this infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to be part of the statewide network; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport has identified a location for the construction of the charging station and vertiport.

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

The Council of Columbus, Georgia, hereby allocates up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of eVTOL aircraft at the Columbus Airport.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.

Councilor Huff voting
Councilor Tucker voting

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor