

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	GDOT/Norfolk Southern Agreement for 9th Street Crossing Improvements
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9 th Street and Veterans Parkway.
INITIATED BY:	Engineering Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9th Street and Veterans Parkway.

Background: The Council authorized an Agreement in June 2005 by Resolution 313-05 to upgrade several railroad crossings in the City. This Resolution included the 9th Street/Veterans Parkway Crossing.

Analysis: The concrete panels installed under the original agreement exceeded their useful life and were removed from the crossing. The Railroad no longer uses concrete panels. The current recommendation is to use rubber panels with an expected lifespan greater than 15 years. The rubber panels should absorb more of the shock from the heavier trucks hitting the crossing.

Financial Considerations: Norfolk Southern, GDOT, and the city will share the cost of the repairs and upgrades. It is currently estimated to be approximately \$80,000 each.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the Agreement prior to signatures.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9th Street and Veterans Parkway.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPAIR AND UPGRADE THE CROSSING AT 9TH STREET AND VETERANS' PARKWAY.

WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern is planning to perform maintenance on the rail line along 9th Street; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to upgrade the crossing at Veterans Parkway; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railroad desire the City participate in the cost to upgrade the crossing to rubber panels.

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

To authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Georgia Department of Transportation to repair and upgrade the crossing at 9th Street and Veterans Parkway.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024, and adopted at the said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Begly voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- District 1 voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Gateway Foundation Agreement
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10 on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

Background: Resolution 298-10 authorized the construction of the bridge structure façade and landscape enhancements at the interchange which is the entrance to Fort Moore formerly known as Fort Benning Military Installation.

Analysis: Gateway Foundation partnered with the City on the original project. Permits will need to be obtained from GDOT in order to work over the highway to change the letters.

Financial Considerations: Gateway Foundation is paying for the installation of the letters.

Legal Considerations: The City will have to execute the necessary permits from GDOT.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY FOUNDATION FOR CHANGING OF THE LETTERS DISPLAYED ON THE GATEWAY STRUCTURE AT THE FORT MOORE INTERCHANGE.

WHEREAS, Resolution No 298-10 authorized the construction of a bridge structure façade and landscape enhancement project at I-185 and the entrance to the Fort Benning Military Base; and,

WHEREAS, the structure is over the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) right of way and requires a permit to work on the structure over the highway; and,

WHEREAS, the name of the military installation formerly known as Fort Benning was changed to Fort Moore in May 2023 and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Consolidated Government and Fort Moore Military Base desire to have the Fort Benning letters changed to the new name of Fort Moore prior to July 10th.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation and have the letters changed accordingly prior to July 10th.

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 Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
District 1 voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor