

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	TSPLOST Projects, Band 2
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

Background: In May 2022, voters in the River Valley District, of which Columbus is a part, approved a regional transportation special purpose local option sales tax (TSPLOST). This is also known as the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. This legislation authorized the funding of designated transportation projects as determined by a regional roundtable committee of local elected officials from the region and approved by the citizens. The collection of TSPLOST began January 1, 2023. The following list of Band 2 TSPLOST projects have been identified, budget estimates provided, managed by the city, and funded through 2022 TSPLOST:

Morris Road Improvements - \$12,000,000

Forrest Road Widening - \$15,400,000

The remaining Band 2 projects will be managed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Columbus Airport Authority. The GDOT projects include 2nd Avenue Improvements and Streetscapes and the JR Allen @ Blackmon and Schomburg Roads Intersection Improvements. The Columbus Airport Authority project includes passenger terminal improvements and runway resurfacing.

Analysis: The completion of the pre-construction activities for road improvements, safety, and alternative transportation projects is required prior to the project being authorized for competitive bids.

Financial Considerations: Funding for said projects will be funded with the 2022 TSPLOST.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney approves this resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

A RESOLUTION

No. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH EXECUTING AND FUNDING THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT, SAFETY, AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (TSPLOST) FUNDS, TO INCLUDE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION, PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS, UTILITY RELOCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO PREPARE THE PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, the completion of pre-construction activities for road improvement projects is required prior to the project being authorized for competitive bid; and,

WHEREAS, these activities include but not limited to right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, and environmental mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the following list of road improvement, safety and alternative transportation projects have been identified, budget estimates provided, and funded through TSPLOST, Band 2,

- Morris Road Improvements- \$12,000,000
- Forrest Road Widening - \$15,400,000

WHEREAS, funding for pre-construction and construction services for the above projects is available through the TSPLOST.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed with the executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for the road improvement, safety and alternative transportation projects funded through TSPLOST as identified above to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare the projects for construction.

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	_____.