

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2022 Transportation Investment Act (TIA)/Transportation Special Purpose Local Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Project List</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to submit a listing of TIA/TSPLOST projects to the River Valley TIA Roundtable for consideration for the 2022 election.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Planning Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to submit a listing of TIA/TSPLOST projects to the River Valley TIA Roundtable for consideration for the 2022 election.

**Background:** The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010 by the Georgia Legislature established the procedure of allowing voters in regional commission areas to approve a one percent sales tax for transportation projects over ten years. Voters in the River Valley region approved this additional sales tax in 2012, which will end in 2022. With the ending of this existing sales tax coming, a new election has been called for March 2022 requiring the proposal of new transportation projects to be considered. Each local government in the region has the opportunity to submit a list of potential projects to the Regional Roundtable, where they will be reviewed for possible placement on the 2022 ballot. Should the proposed election be approved by the voters, the new sales tax would go into effect on January 1, 2023.

**Analysis:** The existing 2012 TIA program will end in 2022 and the River Valley Roundtable has called for this sales tax to be renewed. A listing of potential transportation projects to be funded with this sales tax must be submitted to the River Valley Roundtable by May 31. A list of projects has been proposed by council members, citizens, and staff members for consideration. These projects in turn were reviewed and rated by the Planning Department for review by the Council. The entire listing of projects will be submitted to the Regional Roundtable for review.

**Financial Considerations:** The new sales tax has been projected to raise over \$641,000,000 over the next ten years for the entire region. Of that amount, 75 percent would be dedicated to transportation projects, with the remaining 25 percent to be used as local discretionary funds. Projects will be selected upon the number of projects chosen by the regional roundtable and the availability of funds for the entire region.

**Legal Considerations:** An election must be held to allow the citizens of the region to determine if they want a new regional transportation sales tax to begin in 2023. A county may not opt out of the election, and a simple 51 percent majority vote is all that is required to

approve or disapprove of this action. If approved the new sales tax would remain in existence until 2032.

**Recommendation/Action:** Authorize the City Manager to submit a listing of TIA/TSPLOST projects to the River Valley TIA Roundtable for consideration for the 2022 election.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN  
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO THE RIVER VALLEY TRANSPORTATION  
INVESTMENT ACT ROUNDTABLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT FOR THE  
2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010 authorizes established regions in Georgia to impose a one percent sales to fund transportation improvements within their regions; and,

**WHEREAS**, this act established the River Valley Regional Transportation Roundtable consisting of elected officials from sixteen counties and the cities within those counties to establish an investment list of transportation projects to be presented and voted on by the citizens of this region; and,

**WHEREAS**, a new election for TIA regional transportation projects has been proposed for 2022, a new listing of potential transportation projects for Columbus is required for submission to the Roundtable for consideration to be included on this investment list;

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit the attached list of transportation improvements for Columbus/Muscogee County to the River Valley Regional Transportation Roundtable for consideration and placement on the ballot for the election of the Transportation Investment Act investment list for 2022.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

13th Avenue / 17th Street / Linwood Boulevard  
 5th Avenue Connector  
 Andrews Road Improvements  
 Blackmon Road Resurfacing  
 Bradley Park Drive Complete Streets Project  
 Brennan Road Improvements  
 Broadway (Install Brick Pavers)  
 Buena Vista Road Corridor Improvements  
 Bull Creek Connector

Civic Center Entrance and Lumpkin Boulevard  
 Columbus River Walk Repaving  
 Cooper Creek Connector  
 County Line Road Resurfacing  
 County Line Road/Mehaffey Road/Central Church Road  
 Cusseta Road Widening  
 Dinglewood/Lakebottom Connector  
 Double Churches Road Improvements  
 Edgewood Road @ Clubview

Forrest Road @ Schatulga Road

Williams Road Widening

Forrest Road Widening

Fulton Road Resurfacing

Garrett Road Resurfacing

Hancock Road Resurfacing

Illges Road / Ridgon Road Improvements

Jenkins Road Resurfacing

JR Allen / US 80 / Blackmon Road (West Bound  
On-Ramp)

Liberty Theater Block Enhancement (8th  
Avenue)

Lynch Road @ Manchester Expressway

Lynch Road Resurfacing

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard @ Shepherd  
Drive

McKee Road Resurfacing

Midland Road Resurfacing

Mobley Road - Complete Streets Project

Morris Road Improvements

Multiuse Trails along Various Roads

Muscogee County-Harris County Rail Trail

Old Double Churches Road

Pierce Chapel Road Resurfacing

River Road Connector

Road Sharrows/Bike Lanes on Various Roads

Schomburg Road Resurfacing

Schomburg Road/JR Allen Parkway

Schomburg Road-Blackmon Road Connector  
(East Bound)

Second Avenue Streetscape

Sidewalks along Various Roads

South Lumpkin Road Streetscape

Steam Mill Road Improvements

University Avenue Road Diet/Streetscape

Warm Springs Road Resurfacing

Whitesville Road Widening