

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Design Services for Oglethorpe Bridge
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize Volkert, Inc. to assist with the development and design of visual upgrades to the proposed bridge replacement project
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with design consultant Volkert, Inc. not to exceed \$120,000 to develop and engineer visual upgrades to the proposed bridge replacing the existing Oglethorpe Bridge.

Background: The Oglethorpe Bridge is, currently under design by GDOT is proposed to replace an aging bridge that is at risk of fracture, showing signs of deterioration and does not meet current design standards. GDOT proposes to replace the existing bridge structure in Fiscal Year 2027.

Analysis: . This bridge serves as a major entrance point into the City of Columbus and State of Georgia. The corridor is frequently used by visitors traveling to the Civic Center, South Commons and Fort Benning. It is desired to make the bridge a notable feature in the city. The average life span for a bridge of this nature is over 100 years.

Financial Considerations: The bridge project is currently funded with Federal and State funds. GDOT has requested the City of Columbus to develop concepts of the upgraded design elements. Estimated project cost to replace the bridge has been estimated at \$34,000,000.00.

Legal Considerations: It is desirable to part with the engineering design consultants under contract with GDOT.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with design consultant Volkert, Inc. not to exceed \$120,000 to develop and engineer visual upgrades to the proposed bridge replacing the existing Oglethorpe Bridge.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH VOLKERT, INC. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VISUAL ICONIC UPGRADES TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE SR 520/US280 CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the existing river bridge is failing structurally and does not meet current design standards; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is currently working on a replacement plan for the bridge; and,

WHEREAS, it is desired to make the bridge notable as it serves as a major entrance point into the City of Columbus, State of Georgia and serves as an anchor to the adjacent properties.

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

Approval to authorize an agreement with Volkert, Inc. for develop and design of visual iconic upgrades in the design and construction of the replacement bridge over the Chattahoochee River on SR 520/US 280.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of April, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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