

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | Central of Georgia Railroad Agreement – TIA Project No: 0011436 (Spiderweb) |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Central of Georgia Railroad to ensure the coordination of construction activities while protecting the railroad line from any potential damage. The City shall reimburse the Central of Georgia Railroad for costs associated with the maintenance, engineering, safety, and construction related to this agreement for a total of \$1,787,737. All work under this agreement shall be performed by the Central of Georgia Railroad. |
| INITIATED BY: | Planning Department |

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Central of Georgia Railroad to construct the necessary improvements for TIA Project No:0011436.

Background: In 2012 the voters of Columbus under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) approved the construction of a new bridge that would span the Central of Georgia Railroad on Buena Vista Road. The bridge will be constructed near the intersections Andrews, Morris, and Illges Roads or more commonly the area known as the “Spiderweb”. The project will eliminate the existing at grade crossing while providing a better flow of traffic. Phase I of the \$42,000,000 project was recently approved by the City Council for the construction of improvements west of the railroad line. Phase II, which includes the construction of the bridge, requires an agreement between the City and the Railroad to ensure coordination of construction activities while protecting the railroad line from any potential damage.

Analysis: Central of Georgia Railroad requires that an agreement be entered into prior to the construction of the bridge. The agreement provides not only the specification for the overall project, but also requires that any railroad maintenance, engineering, safety, and construction costs it incurs to protect its property, be the sole responsibility of the City. All of this work will be performed by the Railroad.

Financial Considerations: The costs associated with this agreement are based upon estimates provided by the Central of Georgia Railroad to perform the necessary work and are expected to be \$1,787,737. Funding is available under TIA fund TSPL 60004 20150.

Legal Considerations: This is a required agreement from the railroad in order to perform the necessary construction activities over or near this rail line.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Central of Georgia Railroad to construct the necessary improvements for TIA Project No:0011436.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILROAD FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT (TIA) PROJECT NO: 0011436.

WHEREAS, in 2012 the voters of Columbus under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) approved the construction of a new bridge that would span the Central of Georgia railroad on Buena Vista Road; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with the Central of Georgia Railroad for the construction of the bridge that ensures the protection of the railroad's property and interests and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Central of Georgia Railroad to ensure the coordination of construction activities while protecting the railroad line from any potential damage. The City shall reimburse the Central of Georgia Railroad for costs associated with the maintenance, engineering, safety, and construction related to this agreement for a total of \$1,787,737. All work under this agreement shall be performed by the Central of Georgia Railroad.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Council Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Thompson voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

