

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TSPLOST Projects, Band 3</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 3 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.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Planning Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 3 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 3 TSPLOST projects have been identified, budget estimates provided, managed by the city, and funded through 2022 TSPLOST:

Double Churches Road Improvements - \$12,200,000

Bull Creek Dragonfly Connector - \$8,400,000

The remaining Band 3 projects will be managed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Airport Commission of Columbus. The GDOT projects include Williams Road Widening and Improvements, Cusseta Road Widening and Improvements, and Manchester Expressway/County Line Road Interchange Improvements.

**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:** Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 3 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 MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE 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 3,

Double Churches Road Improvements- \$12,200,000

Bull Creek Dragonfly Connector - \$8,400,000; and,

**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 Mayor or his designee 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.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Anker voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Chambers voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.