

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Dragonfly Connection – Dinglewood Park from 18th Avenue to 10th Avenue
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connector that will connect Midtown to Uptown at Dinglewood Park from 18 th Avenue to 10 th Avenue. Funding is budgeted in the FY23 budget in TSPLOST Discretionary at \$780,000 and the balance will be provided by other sources. The estimated project budget is \$1.4 million.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connection that will connect Midtown to Uptown at Dinglewood Park from 18th Avenue to 10th Avenue.

Background: The Friends of the Dragonfly Trails Fund located at the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley and the City of Columbus has partnered with the PATH Foundation Inc. to develop and expand the trail network within the city of Columbus. The Friends of the Dragonfly Trails have funded an Executive Director to focus efforts on the marketing, education and expansion of the Dragonfly Trails. The Fund has paid for the engineering and design of the next proposed trail connection from 10th Avenue to Dinglewood Park. The Dragonfly Trail System has been a catalyst in making Columbus more accessible and connected by providing a safe way for people travel without a vehicle both for necessity and recreation.

Analysis: The current trail network is 30+ miles with 1.5 miles under construction for the goal to be 60 miles. The next connection will connect the trail at Midtown to Uptown at Dinglewood Park from 18th Avenue to 10th Avenue as presented to Council in June 2022 by the Executive Director of the Dragonfly Trails. This connection will add 1 mile to the network.

Financial Considerations: Funding is budgeted in the FY23 budget in TSPLOST Discretionary at \$780,000 and the balance will be provided by other sources. The estimated project budget is \$1.4 million.

Legal Considerations: City Council must authorize the next connection.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connection that will connect Midtown to Uptown at Dinglewood Park from 18th Avenue to 10th Avenue.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, APPROVING THE DRAGONFLY TRAIL CONNECTION THAT WILL CONNECT DINGLEWOOD PARK FROM 18TH AVENUE TO 10TH AVENUE.

WHEREAS, the Dragonfly Trails include 30+ miles of developed trails; and,

WHEREAS, The Executive Director of the Dragonfly Trail System has presented the proposed plan to connect Dinglewood Park from 18th Avenue to 10th Avenue in June 2022; and,

WHEREAS, this connection will add 1 mile to the current trail network.

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

1. This resolution shall constitute approval of the next trail connection as outlined on the attached map.

2. The use of an estimated \$780,000 of TSPLOST Discretionary for Alternative Transportation budgeted in FY23 and the balance from other outside sources are hereby authorized.

3. The use of existing City right of way along the proposed route is hereby authorized.

4. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into any negotiations and execute any documents necessary to obtain the required interests in real property for the project whether through acceptance of a donation or purchase.

5. The Purchasing Division is hereby authorized to proceed with the procurement of services necessary to construct the project once the other outside funding sources are confirmed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ July 2022 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	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor





Future Conditions



Existing Conditions



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