

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Three Transportation Planning Studies
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into contracts with the Georgia Department of Transportation to accept Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds for three transportation planning studies: 1) School Traffic Impact Study, 2) Edgewood Road Study, and 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, which includes a 20% local cash match (match funded in FY24).
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into contracts with the Georgia Department of Transportation to accept Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds for three transportation planning studies: 1) School Traffic Impact Study, 2) Edgewood Road Study, and 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, which includes a 20% local cash match (match funded in FY24).

Background: The Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) updated its latest Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in 2024. Said 2024-2027 TIP authorizes 3 Transportation Planning Studies:

- 1) School Traffic Impact Study – a study to see how school traffic impacts the transportation network and how these affected corridors can be redesigned.
- 2) Edgewood Road Study – a study along Edgewood Road, from Hilton Avenue to University Avenue, to determine bicycle and pedestrian facilities can be located and to discover what intersection improvements are needed.
- 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks – a study to see where sidewalks and multi-use trails exist and where additional sidewalks and multi-use trails can be added or repaired.

Analysis: The completion of these studies will determine where and how the full network of transportation modes can be fully adjusted for better safety as well as estimate costs of said improvements.

Financial Considerations: The cost of the 3 studies is as follows (20% match amount in parentheses):

- 1) School Traffic Impact Study – \$1,000,000 (\$200,000)
- 2) Edgewood Road Study – \$200,000 (\$40,000)
- 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks – \$1,000,000 (\$200,000)

These funds require a 20% match for each study and were funded in the OLOST Infrastructure Fund in FY24.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Transportation Organization is in compliance with all applicable planning requirements and certifications necessary in order to receive the federal funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with the Georgia Department of Transportation to accept Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds for 3 transportation planning studies: 1) School Traffic Impact Study, 2) Edgewood Road Study, and 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, which includes a 20% local cash match.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL/STATE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDS FOR THREE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDIES: 1) SCHOOL TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY, 2) EDGEWOOD ROAD STUDY, AND 3) MASTER PLAN FOR TRAILS/SIDEWALKS, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD, WHICH INCLUDES A 20% LOCAL CASH MATCH.

WHEREAS, the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) updated its latest Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in 2024 and authorized 3 Transportation Planning Studies:

- 1) School Traffic Impact Study – a study to see how school traffic impacts the transportation network and how these affected corridors can be redesigned.
- 2) Edgewood Road Study – a study along Edgewood Road, from Hilton Avenue to University Avenue, to determine bicycle and pedestrian facilities can be located and to discover what intersection improvements are needed.
- 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks – a study to see where sidewalks exist and where additional sidewalks and multi-use trails can be added or repaired; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has authorized Federal/State Planning funding for the three studies in the following amounts:

- 1) School Traffic Impact Study – \$1,000,000
- 2) Edgewood Road Study – \$200,000
- 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks – \$1,000,000; and,

WHEREAS, there is a total local match of \$440,000.00 that was funded in the OLOST Infrastructure Roads Fund in FY24:

- 1) School Traffic Impact Study – \$200,000
- 2) Edgewood Road Study – \$40,000
- 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks – \$200,000.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into contractual agreements with the Georgia Department of Transportation to accept Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds for three transportation planning studies: 1) School Traffic Impact Study, 2) Edgewood Road Study, and 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, which includes a 20% local cash match that h-is funded in the OLOST Infrastructure Fund.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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	_____.

Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor