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Staff Report

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Roberts, City Manager

Date: May 14, 2026

Subject: Utility Aid from Georgia Department of Transportation GDOT

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Utility Aid Request

FISCAL IMPLICATION: This plan will require funds to be budgeted over the next three fiscal years—FY 2027 at \$778,695.80, FY 2028 at \$778,695.80, and FY 2029 at \$802,292.64—to cover the City’s share of the utility relocation costs. These expenditures are already included in the City’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Water and Sewer Fund (505-4330 & 505-4400). Total of \$2,359,684.24.

BACKGROUND: The City has been working over the last several years to develop a utility relocation plan required for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) SR-20 project. The Series 44 and Series 22 utility relocation plans were submitted to GDOT in February 2026 for review and approval. As part of this process, the City requested Utility Aid from GDOT to offset the relocation costs. GDOT has agreed to fund 50 percent of the total project cost. The current estimated cost of the utility relocation is \$4,719,369.49.

Below is an email from Shajan P. Joseph, P.E., Assistant State Utilities Administrator with the GDOT Office of Utilities, providing additional information on the project and outlining the required process.

Good afternoon, Mr. Danny Roberts, Mr. Jeff Smith and Mr. Brandon Phillips,

This is a follow up to our conversation today afternoon, with the Utility-Aid on the above subject project.

GDOT (State Utilities Office) reviewed City of Loganville's Utility Aid request, relocation plans/cost, and audited financial reports of 2024, 2023 and 2022.

The total relocation construction cost is \$ 4,719,368.49. The Utility-Aid portion amount is \$ 4,719,368.49.

The relocation cost is an approximate amount, which can change (more or less) based upon the contractor's bid price on this job.

All the relocation work will be included in Department's contract, and the relocation work will be done by Department's Contractor.

The Department will only participate in the **in-kind relocation cost.** The details are as follows.

1. GDOT will participate in the relocation cost **50 % of the in-kind relocation cost (no upgrade/betterment relocation cost).**

which is \$ **2, 359, 684.24** [$\$ 4,719,368.49 \times 0.50 = \$ 2,359,684.24$].

FYI: The Department is also taking some additional cost associated with the utility relocation such as Grading Complete , Traffic Control, Erosion Control and Flat Works (Concrete and Asphalt)...etc....an approximate amount of \$ **1,179,842.12** [$\$ 4,719,368.49 \times 0.25 = \$ 1,179,842.12$].

So, the total participation from GDOT is - \$ 3, 539, 526.36. [$\$ 2,359,684.24(\text{in-kind}) + \$ 1, 179,842.12(\text{additional relocation cost})$].

2. City of Loganville must pay, **50% of the in-kind relocation cost**, which is \$ **2, 359, 684.24** [$\$ 4,719,368.49 \times 0.50 = \$ 2,359,684.24$]

The relocation cost for the City of Loganville is = \$ 2, 359, 684.24 [\$ **2,359,684.24 (in-kind)** based on current estimate].

The City of Loganville will be responsible for 100% of the preliminary engineering costs/inspection cost associated with relocation design of the subject facilities.

The Department is willing to participate in the installment plan since the Project letting is in August 2026.

The details are below:

- 1. \$ 778,695.80 [33 % of the \$ 2,359,684.24] is due in September 2026**
- 2. \$ 778,695.80 [33 % of the \$ 2,359,684.24] is due in September 2027**
- 3. \$ 802,292.64 [34 % of the \$ 2,359,684.24] is due in September 2028**

The Project is in the August 2026 Letting. Please let me know **your concurrence as soon as possible**, to move forward with the Letting.

After we receive your concurrence, we send the CIA (Contact Item Agreement) and MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your collaborative support and assistance to move forward with this project letting.

Shajan P. Joseph, P.E.

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