



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council

DATE: October 10, 2013

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Approval of an Application under the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant Program for Windsor Parkway Realignment at SR 9/Roswell Road, CIP T-0045

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the October 15, 2013, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Memorandum
Materials

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER: JFM APPROVED

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 10/15/2013

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: () YES () NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: WKEW

REMARKS:



TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Garrin M. Coleman, P.E., Public Works Director

DATE: October 11, 2013 for Submission onto the Agenda of the October 15, 2013 City Council Meeting

ITEM: Consideration of an Application Under the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant Program for Windsor Parkway Realignment at SR 9/Roswell Road, CIP T-0045

Background:

The Georgia General Assembly created the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) in 2008 (O.C.G.A. § 32-10-121). The GTIB is overseen by the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). The purpose of the GTIB program is to assist in financing eligible transportation projects that support economic development. The GTIB is comprised of both a grant and a loan program. For 2013, \$16.0M is available in the grant program, and the maximum grant funding request is \$4,000,000. All phases of "motor-fuel tax-eligible projects" are eligible for project funding, as the source of funding for the program this year is motor fuel tax funds. The deadline for submitting a grant application is October 31, 2013. It is anticipated that the grant program will be highly competitive. Final grant awards will be made by the SRTA Board.

Council approved the Windsor Parkway Realignment at SR 9/Roswell Road project Concept 1B July 16, 2013 (CIP T-0045). The estimated total project cost is \$3,700,000. Funding options identified at that time included Impact Fees (CIE) (\$1,424,028), Development Authority Bond Financing (\$2,000,000), and possible reallocation of CIP funds.

Discussion:

Staff proposes applying for a GTIB grant in the amount of \$750,000, representing approximately 20 percent of the total project cost. Should the grant be awarded, the Council is under no obligation to accept the grant.

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Financial Impact:

If the grant is awarded, the estimated budget for T-0045 would include \$750,000 from the GTIB grant in addition to the \$1,424,028 impact fee funds, which would require a remaining \$275,972 in local funds. Concurrently, staff is recommending applying for a GTIB Loan in the amount of \$2,750,000 GTIB loan with a ten-year repayment period to reduce the immediate financial impact to the City. A \$250 application fee is required along with the grant application submittal.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Council approve a grant application of up to \$750,000 for the Windsor Parkway Realignment at SR 9/Roswell Road project, CIP T-0045 to the State Road and Toll Authority (SRTA) and a resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign the application on behalf of the City.

Attachments

Resolution

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS,
GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION UNDER
THE GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK GRANT
PROGRAM FOR THE WINDSOR PARKWAY REALIGNMENT AT SR
9/ROSWELL ROAD PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Windsor Parkway/Roswell Road Intersection Improvement Project (“Project”) has been identified in the Roswell Corridor LCI (2008), the City of Sandy Springs (“City”) Transportation Master Plan (2008), and the City’s 2027 Comprehensive Plan (2007); and

WHEREAS, City staff engaged consultants to prepare evaluations and cost estimates related to properties to be impacted by the Project and interacted with property owners to seek input on alternative alignments for the Windsor Parkway/Roswell Road intersection; and

WHEREAS, three (3) alternative alignments for the Project were developed by City staff and designated as Option #1A, Option #1B, and Option #2; and

WHEREAS, following discussions with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Georgia Department of Transportation, review of studies and reports from consultants, and input from property owners and neighborhood citizens, City staff recommended that City Council adopt Option #1B for the Windsor Parkway/Roswell Road intersection relocation based on safety enhancement, traffic operation improvements, and cost effectiveness to the City and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, at its July 16, 2013 meeting, City Council approved the Windsor Parkway Realignment at SR 9/Roswell Road, Option #1B with an estimated total cost of \$3,700,000; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a potential grant funding opportunity for the Project through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank overseen by the State Road and Tollway Authority and desires to pursue such opportunity by completing and submitting an application for such funds (“Grant Application”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, as the governing authority of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, after public hearing and the recommendation of City staff, that:

1. City staff is authorized to prepare the Grant Application for up to \$750,000 in grant funding to support Project; and

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2. The City Manager is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, the Grant Application and to ensure its submission to the State Road and Tollway Authority prior to the October 31, 2013 deadline and to take such other action as may be required to pursue the grant funding for the Project.

RESOLVED this the 15th day of October, 2013.

Approved:

Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey, City Clerk

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