



TO: John McDonough, City Manager
FROM: Kevin Walter, Public Works Director
DATE: September 21, 2011 for the Mayor and City Council Regular Meeting of October 4, 2011
ITEM: Approval for Public Works to submit an application to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for 2011 Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) implementation funding and commitment to required local match

Public Works Department's Recommendation:

Public Works staff recommends the Mayor and City Council approve the submission of an application to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for 2011 Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) implementation funding for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) T-0019, Roswell Road Streetscape, Phase 1, Meadowbrook Drive to Long Island Drive and approve a resolution committing to required local match funding of 20 percent.

Background:

Initiated in 1999, the ARC LCI program has supported local governments to create livable communities through land use and transportation planning. In 2008, the City participated in ARC's LCI planning program and prepared and adopted the *Roswell Road Corridor LCI Study*. Fifteen transportation projects and initiatives were identified in the Study. Project T-1, Roswell Road Node Improvements was identified as a high priority project. The project is eligible for implementation funding from ARC granted it meets evaluation criteria. Grants are awarded competitively by ARC.

The City of Sandy Springs added the project to the CIP as project T-0019. For FY 2012, the City has budgeted \$750,000 for Right-of-Way Acquisition. Consultant services were procured and preliminary design has been initiated. The current project cost estimate for all phases is as follows:

Preliminary Engineering/Design:	\$248,852.00
Right-of-Way Acquisition:	\$2,450,250.00
<u>Construction:</u>	<u>\$1,556,813.50</u>
Total:	\$4,255,915.50

For the ARC LCI 2011 grant program, the City may request implementation funding up to \$4,000,000. For funding requested, the minimum local funding match is 20 percent per phase. The proposed request is:

Preliminary Engineering/Design:	\$0.00
Right-of-Way Acquisition:	\$1,960,200.00
<u>Construction:</u>	<u>\$1,245,450.80</u>
Total:	\$3,205,650.80

Discussion:

Public Works

At this point, the Public Works Department is seeking the City Council's approval to complete the grant application for CIP T-0019, Roswell Road Streetscape, Phase 1, Meadowbrook Drive to Long Island Drive requesting \$3,205,650.80 through the ARC 2011 LCI implementation funding. A commitment from the City is required for the 20 percent local match. The required local match is \$801,412.70. A commitment for the FY 2013 budget is requested to meet the required local match.

Alternatives:

The City Council can elect not to pursue the 2011 LCI implementation grant and fund the project with 100 percent local funding.

Financial Impact:

The required local match will require a commitment from the City for \$801,412.70 for the next fiscal year. The project has been budgeted for \$750,000.00 for FY 2012.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. 2011 Funding Application for LCI Transportation Projects

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A FUNDING REQUEST TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE (LCI) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

WHEREAS, it is necessary, from time to time, to establish policies, procedures and guidelines consistent with the administration of a municipal government consistent with the US Constitution, Federal Statutes, alignment with Federal, Georgia's State Constitution, and the Charter for the City of Sandy Springs, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager directed the Department of Public Works to develop standard policies for recurring matters, to establish appropriate internal controls and legal compliance, and to provide for an efficient and effective means to serve constituents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA

That they approve the application for 2011 LCI Implementation Funding to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in the amount of \$3,205,650.80; and whereas the City agrees to a local match of 20 percent of the total project cost (\$801,412.70), the City will commit to matching funds for FY 2013 budget if the City successfully receives a grant award from the ARC.

RESOLVED this the 4th day of October, 2011.

Approved:

Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey, City Clerk
(Seal)

2011 Funding Application for LCI Transportation Projects

This form should be completed by sponsors for communities that have prepared and approved their Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study and are seeking funding for a project(s) identified in the 5-Year Work Program of their adopted LCI Plan, Supplemental Study or current Plan Update.

Receiving LCI funding is a two-step process. Once projects are selected through this application process, sponsors must then submit a detailed scoping study of the project before federal funds are committed. Not all projects selected to move ahead with a scoping study will necessarily be funded (e.g. if it is determined through the scoping process that there are insurmountable environmental or right-of-way impacts).

Application forms are being accepted from July 20, 2011 through September 23, 2011 by 5pm.

Please Note: The LCI Program is not a conventional “grant” program. The program is funded by federal transportation dollars which provide reimbursement of up to 80% of eligible project costs incurred. The LCI Sponsor must provide a 20% cash match (no in-kind services or “soft match” allowed).

For questions regarding this form, contact:

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E-mail the completed form with required documents to Amy Goodwin (agoodwin@atlantaregional.com) by 5PM ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2011.

Alternatively, submit applications via FTP to the email address above or by mailing a CD or USB flash drive to the attention of Amy Goodwin at the Atlanta Regional Commission. All applications must be received (not postmarked) by 5pm on September 23, 2011. Applications delivered by hand, messenger or Fedex/UPS (etc) may be left with the ARC receptionist on Level C of the Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community/Atlanta Regional Commission, 40 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Section 1: Eligibility

NOTE: Applications are limited to two (2) applications per LCI Area

- I. Has the local governing body (city council or county commission) officially approved the LCI Study/Plan?

Yes/No:

Date of Meeting when approved:

- II. Does the LCI study have a current 5-Year Update or 10-Year Update (if applicable)?

- III. Is the project identified in the LCI Plan's current 5-Year Action Plan? Please provide the project name, and page or reference number below, and attach the 5-Year Action Plan to the application or provide link below:

- IV. Is the QLG status of the local government in good standing with DCA?

If the answer is No to any of the above questions, the project is not eligible for funding

- V. Does the LCI Sponsor have any existing LCI projects that were listed as a "Project of Concern" in the ARC's most recent Breaking Ground Report? *(information can be obtained from ARC).*

Sponsor is not eligible for funding for new projects until the Project of Concern is either authorized, advanced to the next phase or dropped from the TIP. If you answered "yes", please explain and indicate when the Project(s) of Concern will be advanced to the next phase, authorized or dropped:

Section 2: Project Information

- I. **Project Name:**
- II. **LCI Study Area Name:**
- III. **Local Sponsor:**
- IV. **Sponsor Contact (name, title, email, phone):**
- V. **Primary County in which the project is located:**
- VI. **If project is located within the incorporated limits of a city, please list the city(ies) here. If the project is located in the unincorporated part of the county, leave this blank:**
- VII. **Is this project located within one-quarter (1/4) mile of a local (MARTA, CCT, etc) or regional (GRTA) bus stop or within one-half (1/2) mile of a MARTA rail station? Yes/No . If Yes, please identify name of station or bus route #:**
- VIII. **Project Type (Please Check ONE box):**

First Mile/Last Mile Connectivity

- Bicycle Facility** *(check this box if the project is primarily a bike lane project)*
- Joint Bike-Ped Facilities** *(check this box if the project includes both bike lanes and sidewalks or pedestrian crossings equally)*
- Pedestrian Facility** *(check this box if the project is primarily a sidewalk or pedestrian crossing project)*
- Sidepaths and Trails** *(check this box if the project is primarily a multi-use trail or sidepath project; a sidepath is a multi-use trail adjacent/parallel to the roadway)*

Roadway

- Bridge Upgrade**
- Capacity Reduction or Conversion** *(e.g. "Road Diet" or one-way pair conversion to two-way operations)*
- General Purpose Capacity** *(adding through-traffic lanes; does not include turn lane projects)*
- Multimodal** *(a general capacity project that also includes substantial transit infrastructure such as BRT lanes)*
- Operations and Safety** *(includes addition of turn lanes, roundabouts, signal upgrades, intersection realignments, etc.)*

Transit

- Facilities Capital** *(upgrades to transit station property including construction of plazas, parking decks, redesign of pick-up/drop-off areas, driveways and surface parking lots, installation of bike parking, bus shelters and other improvements to the rail stations, local bus stops or programmed BRT stops/stations)*

Other

- Other/miscellaneous**, please explain:

- IX. **Certain types of projects are considered "not exempt" from modeling and air conformity analysis requirements. The brief worksheet below will help determine if this project is Exempt or Not Exempt from air quality conformity model requirements.**

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Please note that ARC may not be able to program some Not Exempt projects in the TIP until the conformity analysis is completed.

- a. Does this project remove or add general purpose through-travel lanes (excluding turn lanes): Yes/No. If you answered YES, please answer the following questions:
 - i. How many travel lanes are being removed or added:
 - ii. What is the project length?
 - iii. What is the functional classification of the roadway?
 - iv. What is the estimated Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)?
- b. Does this project add new transit service or alter existing transit schedules or levels of service? If YES, please explain:

X. Termini (e.g. US10/SR20/Main Street from 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue) and approximate project length. Attach project location map:

XI. Is this project located on a State or U.S. Route? Yes/No: . If yes, please list the state and U.S. Routes number(s):

XII. What is the functional classification of the road(s)? *Please note, local roads must be reclassified as minor collectors or above prior to being programmed in the TIP in order to be eligible for federal funds (except for safety or bicycle/pedestrian project types).*

XIII. Provide a detailed description of the project (approximately 100-200 words). Please be specific and include all project elements, dimensions, the need and purpose of the project, and the how this project addresses those needs.

XIV. Project Elements:

Check all that apply. Please note that all projects must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and if the roadway is altered or improved, curb ramps along the entire project length must also be upgraded.

"Inside the Curb" Elements

- Removal of existing on-street parking
- Addition of new on-street parking
- Converting roadway through-travel lanes to other uses (e.g., parking, wider sidewalks, bike lanes, etc)
- Removing turn lanes
- Adding turn lanes
- Narrowing existing roadway travel lanes (no change to number of lanes)
- Special purpose motor vehicle travel lanes (e.g., HOV, bus, taxi)
- New roadway capacity for single occupant vehicles
- Bus stop pullouts
- Pedestrian refuge islands
- Raised median
- Crosswalks at midblock or unsignalized intersection locations
- Crosswalks at signalized intersections
- Curb extensions or "bulb-outs"

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- Pedestrian-actuated signals or beacons, including HAWK or Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB)
- Stamped concrete or brick paver crosswalks
- Wide curb lane or paved shoulders
- Bicycle lanes
- Shared lane markings (aka "sharrows")
- Cycle track (separated on-street bicycle only lane)
- Repaving
- New or upgraded pavement markings
- Traffic calming elements (e.g., speed humps, mini traffic circles, chicanes, etc)
- Signal operations improvements
- Consolidation of curb cuts
- Intersection reconfiguration or realignment
- Roundabout
- Other (note: all items must meet eligibility requirements for federal transportation funding):

"Outside the Curb" Elements

- Multi-Use Path (at least 8' wide)
- Construction/reconstruction of curbs and gutters
- Upgrades to existing sidewalks
- New sidewalks where none currently exist
- Bicycle/Pedestrian tunnel
- Bicycle/Pedestrian overpass
- Bicycle/Pedestrian signage
- Wayfinding signage
- Pedestrian scale lighting
- Roadway scale lighting
- Pedestrian upgrades to meet ADA requirements (e.g., curb ramps, driveway reconstruction)
- Bus shelters and transit patron amenities
- Transit station area upgrades (e.g. reconstruction of station, plazas, reconfiguration of pick-up/drop-off areas, parking lot, entrances, bus lanes, etc.)
- Transit station parking deck
- Landscaping and buffers (e.g., grass, bushes, flowers)
- Trees
- Street furniture (e.g., benches, trash receptacles)
- Bricks or pavers in the sidewalk or buffer area
- Other elements, e.g., gateways, fountains, banners, etc (note: all items must meet eligibility requirements for federal transportation funding):

Section 3: LCI Plan Implementation

LCI transportation funds are intended as an incentive for LCI Plan implementation. As such, priority is given to those communities that have shown continued support for creating multi-modal, livable centers through their on-going efforts to implement their adopted LCI plan. The following questions are intended to glean the level of implementation of the LCI study by the sponsor and overall community.

Additionally, in July 2011, ARC's Board adopted the regional development and transportation plan known as PLAN 2040. The Plan's vision is centered around sustainable growth by balancing environmental responsibility, economic growth and social needs while maximizing benefits to all. All of ARC's work programs are guided by this vision, as well as the goals and objectives set forth in PLAN 2040. As such, projects funded by the LCI program should be consistent with PLAN 2040. The objectives of PLAN 2040 are:

- a. Increase mobility options for people and goods
- b. Foster a healthy, educated, well-trained, safe and secure population
- c. Promote places to live with easy access to jobs and services
- d. Improve energy efficiency while preserving the region's environment
- e. Identify innovative approaches to economic recovery and long-term prosperity

Please answer the following questions citing specific examples.

- I. **Describe how this proposed transportation project is consistent with the goals and objectives of approved LCI plan. Discuss how this transportation project contributes to or supports the mix of transportation options in the study area.**

- II. **Have the LCI Study recommendations, maps or policies been incorporated into the official local comprehensive plan?**

Yes/No:

If Yes, please describe how the LCI study was incorporated into the local comprehensive plan, and provide the chapter, section or appendix location, or resolution that indicates its incorporation into the comprehensive plan:

- III. **Have the LCI study recommendations, maps or policies been incorporated into the official local development regulations or zoning code? Yes/No: . If Yes, please answer the following questions:**
 - a. **Provide detailed information related to the ordinance, provision or regulation representing the implementation of the LCI study recommendations. Also describe method of incorporation or attach a resolution:**

 - b. **What are the minimum and maximum densities (units per acre, FAR and/or # of stories) allowed within the LCI area under current zoning or development**

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regulations? Are these densities consistent with the recommended densities in your adopted LCI Plan? Please explain:

- c. The PLAN 2040 Regional Development Guide and the LCI Program Goals provide guidance on desirable development patterns for LCI areas. Please indicate if the adopted code or regulation covering the LCI area requires and/or permits the following (check all that apply):**

Development

- Mixed-use zoning district or development code provision allowing a mix of uses
- Infill housing ordinance or its equivalent (e.g. addressing tear downs, etc)
- Accessory dwelling units
- Multi-family apartments
- Incentives for senior housing
- Incentives for affordable/work-force housing
- Locally-designated Historic District
- Government buildings, courthouses and schools required to be built within existing communities
- Required greenspace set-aside
- Greater density in transit areas
- Maximum block sizes
- Tax Allocation District (TAD) or Community Improvement District (CID)

Urban Design & Streetscape

- Buildings and building entrances required to be oriented to streets
- Design regulations that encourage active ground floor retail spaces, pedestrian-oriented design and pedestrian amenities in commercial districts.
- Reduced minimum off-street parking requirements
- Off-street parking required to be to side or rear of buildings
- Other parking measures that promote shared parking, parking maximums, pervious surface materials, trees and landscaping or other innovative policies to create a more walkable environment
- Tree ordinance

Mobility & Connectivity

- Sidewalks to be included in all developments
- Bicycle facilities to be included in all developments
- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities to be included in all roadway projects
- Access Management controls (e.g. limiting curb cuts, left turns, etc)
- Development review process to evaluate traffic impacts, design and accessibility issues, and compatibility with locally adopted land use and complete streets policies
- Connectivity required for new streets and developments (e.g. no/limit cul-de-sacs)
- Inter-parcel connectivity for commercial development

OTHER

- Other requirements that reflect the goals and objectives of the LCI Program and the PLAN 2040 Development Guide. Please explain:

- IV. What local actions have been completed that support implementation of the LCI study (e.g. new ordinances adopted, local infrastructure or capital projects completed, new**

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programs or services initiated)? Attach a *Report of Accomplishments* addressing the progress on each item listed in the current LCI Study 5-year Action Plan (template provided by ARC). Identify below other related actions not listed in the LCI 5-Year Action Plan.

- V. **What new or planned development projects have been approved and/or constructed in the study area (e.g. residential, non-residential or mixed-use projects)? Provide details such as the project name, location, type, land use composition, number of units/square feet, and construction schedule. Particularly highlight residential developments and workforce/affordable units included.**
- a. **How do these developments relate to the current mix of land uses in the study area?**

 - b. **Describe how these developments are consistent with the approved LCI plan.**
- VI. **Local government actions not supporting the LCI plan, such as inconsistent development project approvals or rezonings (or consistent project denials), will be factored into the overall ranking. Take this opportunity to discuss issues related to these local actions, other barriers to plan implementation and proposed efforts/strategies to overcome these barriers.**

Section 4: Transportation Project Merits

- I. **Describe how this project addresses a transportation safety, mobility, or accessibility issue. Be specific (refer to crash data, AADT or other data as applicable), but be concise.**

- II. **Does this project provide “Complete Streets”, i.e. the entire roadway right-of-way is designed and operated to enable safe access for all users regardless of age, ability or mode of transportation including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, transit riders (if applicable)? Describe how complete streets principles are addressed or why certain elements are not included in the project.**
For reference, please see Chapters 6 and 9 of GDOT’s Design Policy Manual:
<http://www.dot.state.ga.us/doingbusiness/PoliciesManuals/roads/designpolicies/Pages/DesignPolicyManual.aspx> and the ARC’s “Complete Streets” policy in the TIP Blueprint:
<http://www.atlantaregional.com/transportation/transportation-improvement-program>

- III. **Describe how this project supports transit ridership and facilitates transit-oriented development (if applicable).**

- IV. **Describe how this project supports the goals of ARC’s Lifelong Communities Initiative, i.e. promotes housing and transportation options for older adults, encourages healthy lifestyles and expands information and access to services for seniors.**

- V. **Does this project facilitate safe pedestrian and bicycle access to schools? Does it provide a direct connection from neighborhoods/residential developments to a school or schools (if yes, please specify each school and grades they serve).**

- VI. **Describe how this project will have community benefits beyond transportation (such as economic development, environmental, health, etc):**

- VII. **Describe coordination with and support from affected agencies and the public. Describe where support may be lacking and why.**

- VIII. **Describe past success/progress or challenges with implementing LCI/TIP funded transportation projects. If the Sponsor has experienced delays in project delivery, or has/ had a “project of concern”, please describe what steps have been taken, or will be taken, to avoid delays with this project.**

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- IX. Describe how the project connects major activities and destinations within the LCI Study Area, such as employment, public buildings, shopping, parks, etc?**

Section 5: Environmental Information

- I. Describe the socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the surrounding community, including minority and low-income populations, the elderly and persons with disabilities. Specifically identify and address whether this project will have a disproportionately high and adverse impact on these populations. Likewise, describe how this project will benefit these populations.**

- II. Does this project include any environmentally-friendly or energy-saving elements, for example, pervious paving surfaces, solar-powered pedestrian crossing signs, shade trees, native plants, “green” construction technologies, etc?**

- III. Does this project involve removing any structures or buildings, or impact cemeteries, streams or culverts, or other sensitive environmental areas or cultural resources? If yes, please explain how the project intends to avoid or mitigate impacts, describe any public involvement or support for the project to date and any coordination with state or federal agencies to date.**

Section 6: Budget and Schedule Information

Please note that the total federal contribution (all phases combined) is limited to \$4 Million per project. Also, due to the lengthy project development and approval process and expertise required to administer federal-aid construction projects, ARC will not award LCI funding for projects with scopes of work and budgets below \$500,000.

- I. **Attach a project cost estimate including Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (ROW), Construction (CST) .**
- II. **What is the anticipated schedule for this project (assume projects will be programmed in the TIP July 1, 2012)?**
 - a. **Begin PE:** (Month/Year)
 - b. **Begin ROW Acquisition:** (Month/Year)
 - c. **Begin Construction:** (Month/Year)
 - d. **Open to Traffic:** (Month/Year)
- III. **Preliminary Engineering and Design**
 - a. **Estimated total cost of PE:**
 - b. **Do you wish to request LCI funding for PE?**
 - i. **LCI (L230) Funding (up to 80%)**
 - ii. **Local funding match (min 20%)**
 - c. **In what fiscal year will this phase occur?**
- IV. **Right-of-Way Acquisition**
 - a. **Estimated total cost of ROW Acquisition?**
 - b. **Do you wish to request LCI funding for ROW?**
 - i. **LCI (L230) Funding (up to 80%)**
 - ii. **Local funding match (min 20%)**
 - c. **In what fiscal year will this phase occur?**
- V. **Construction**
 - a. **Estimated total cost of Construction (including contingency and construction oversight/inspection):**
 - b. **Do you wish to request LCI funding for construction?**
 - i. **LCI L230 Funding (up to 80%)**
 - ii. **Local funding match (min 20%)**
 - c. **In what fiscal year will this phase occur?**

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- VI. Please indicate if local matching funds are provided all or in part by another grant(s), a CID or another private or non-profit organization, or other source. Also indicate if the local match exceeds the minimum 20%. *Please note: All local matches must be “cash” matches. “Soft matches” or in-kind services are not permissible with this funding source.***

Section 7: Required Submittal Documents

The preferred submittal method is to compile all of the following documents into a single PDF and submit to Amy Goodwin via email at agoodwin@atlantaregional.com.

If the file is larger than 5MB, please compress the document by saving it as an “optimized” PDF file, or send via FTP or web-based file sharing program. ARC will not accept .zip or .exe files. If mailing or hand-delivering the application, it must be received (not post-marked) by **5pm on September 23, 2011**. See front page of this application for additional submittal information.

- I. LCI Transportation Project Funding Application Form
- II. LCI 5-Year Action Plan (from the adopted LCI Plan or most recent Update)
- III. LCI Report of Accomplishment
- IV. Resolution of adoption of LCI Study by local government
- V. Resolution of adoption of development regulations resulting from LCI Study (if applicable) by local government
- VI. Resolution or letter from chief elected official confirming sponsor’s commitment to implementation of the project and the required local match. Note: Funding must be identified in the local government’s budget, STWP or CIP before ARC will approve the scoping report and allocate funds to the project in the TIP.
 - a. If a portion of the local match is being provided by another agency or organization, provide a letter from that organization’s Board Chair or Executive Director confirming their commitment to the matching funds.
- VII. Project location map, including project area and LCI boundaries. Include any previously funded LCI/TIP projects on the map. Project limits should be entirely within LCI study boundaries, however some minor extensions outside the LCI area may be considered to meet logical termini requirements.
- VIII. Project Cost Estimate
- IX. Support letters or other pertinent information in support of the project. Please limit to 5 pages. Lengthy documents should be provided as a link, not an attachment.