
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council **DATE:** July 28, 2011

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Right-of-Way Acquisition Matching Funds for the Roswell Road Streetscape Project, Johnson Ferry to Abernathy Road, (CIP T-0012), subject to Financial and Legal Review and Approval

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the August 2, 2011, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Memorandum
Resolution

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER:  *APPROVED*

_____ *NOT APPROVED*

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 8/2/11

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: () *YES* () *NO*

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: 

REMARKS:



TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Kevin Walter, Public Works Director

DATE: July 19, 2011, for Submission onto Agenda of the August 2, 2011 City Council Meeting

ITEM: Approval of a Right-of-Way Acquisition Matching Funds for the Roswell Road Streetscape Project, Johnson Ferry to Abernathy Road, (CIP T-0012), subject to Financial and Legal Review and Approval

Recommendation:

Public Works staff is recommending that Council approve allocation of local matching funds for the acquisition of right-of-way for the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) T-0012, Roswell Road Streetscapes, Johnson Ferry to Abernathy Road, CSTE-0006-00(728), PI 0006728.

Background:

Council allocated \$290,000 in Fiscal Year 2007 for this project. The project was put on hold due to right-of-way acquisition costs. The scope would include the City's Main Street District Overlay standard (2' wide brick paver strip with 9' wide sidewalk with brick pavers and pedestrian lighting) as well as the Suburban Overlay standard (3' wide grass strip with 6' wide sidewalk). The cost estimate for right-of-way land and improvements is \$2,816,834.42 based on a cost estimate from April 2011. The final cost will be determined by full appraisals. The federal funding offered (ARC/GDOT \$2,160,000 L230) requires a 20% local match of \$540,000.

Discussion:

Federal funds were reallocated from other CIP projects following Council action in November 2010. As a result, additional funding was made available to cover the right of way acquisition costs for this project. As funds were not allocated in the FY12 budget process, staff would like the Mayor and City Council to consider at minimum a partial funding of the required local match so that the right-of-way acquisition process can begin in FY12. The overall right-of-way acquisition is likely to continue into FY13 as a total of 30 parcels are being affected by the project.

The current budget for the project shows a balance of \$180,000. From this balance, \$50,000 is planned to be held in reserve for the City's legal review of titles and acquisition services. \$130,000 is currently available to dedicate to the local match. Based on these figures, a total of \$410,000 will be needed from Capital Contingency to fully fund the match amount.

Alternatives:

The city can leave the project on hold and turn down the Federal funds.

Financial Impact:

Public Works

A 20% match is required to move forward with the project; therefore, the City's total local match for the current federal funding for right-of-way is \$540,000. Currently, the project will need to add an amount of \$410,000 to fully fund this requirement.

Attachments:

- I. Resolution

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR
RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION TO ALLOW PUBLIC WORKS STAFF TO ENGAGE IN
ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) T-0012,
ROSWELL ROAD STREETSCAPES, JOHNSON FERRY ROAD TO ABERNATHY ROAD (GDOT
PI 0006728)**

WHEREAS, it is necessary, from time to time, to establish policies, procedures and guidelines addressing 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,

WHEREAS, upon adoption of this Resolution, City Sandy Springs Public Works Department staff will manage all applicable phases of the project.

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

That they hereby approve the allocation of local matching funds for right of way acquisition in order to allow Public Works staff to execute the activities necessary for the above referenced project.

RESOLVED this the 2nd day of August, 2011.

Approved:

Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey, City Clerk
(Seal)