

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
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Date: January 18, 2011
For: February 1, 2011, Regular Meeting
Agenda Item: Substantial Amendment to 2009 CDBG Action Plan to Purchase Pedestrian Street Lights and Public Hearing

CMO (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE) RECOMMENDATION

Request to amend the 2009 CDBG Action Plan.

BACKGROUND

An Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Phase I construction of the Sandy Springs Multiyear CDBG Sidewalk Improvements Project will be issued in mid-January. The project will install pedestrian street lights, new sidewalk, ADA ramps, brick pavers and other improvements in targeted areas on Roswell Road from Dalrymple Road to Northridge Road. Estimated cost is \$1,048,421. Late summer project completion is expected. A map illustrating the areas for sidewalk improvements is attached.

DISCUSSION

On May 1st of each year, HUD completes a timeliness review on CDBG Program expenditure rates. On this date, a grantee may not have more than 1.5 times their most recent allocation available in their U.S. Treasury account. As of January 1, 2011, Sandy Springs had 2.08 years of funding available.

To meet the 2011 CDBG timeliness review, the City needs to expend a minimum of \$336,324. To accomplish this, staff recommends the City purchase the \$491,783 in additional pedestrian street lights required for Phase I of the sidewalk project. Project construction expenses will not be great enough to meet the timeliness test by May 1st. As a reminder, Mayor and Council may recall approving an amendment to the 2008 CDBG Action Plan on March 16, 2010, to expend \$176,292 in CDBG funds for street lights to meet the 2010 timeliness requirement.

Staff is requesting Mayor and Council's approval to amend the 2009 CDBG Action Plan to facilitate the \$491,783 purchase. If approved, Sandy Springs residents may comment on the amendment for 30-days. Any public comments will be presented at the April 5, 2011, regular meeting agenda along with a request for Mayor and Council's final approval of the amendment. A public hearing is required to begin the amendment process.

ALTERNATIVES

The current recommendation is the only option that will ensure the City's CDBG Program meets the May 1st timeliness review test.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If timely spending of CDBG funds becomes a recurring issue, HUD has the option to suspend a grantee's future CDBG program allocations.

CONCURRENT REVIEW

Cecil G. McClendon, Jr., City Attorney

ATTACHMENT(S)

Phase I CDBG Sidewalk Construction Area Map
Substantial amendment to the 2009 CDBG Action Plan to purchase street lighting
Substantial amendment PowerPoint slides

Draft-2009 CDBG Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment Purchase of Pedestrian Street Lighting

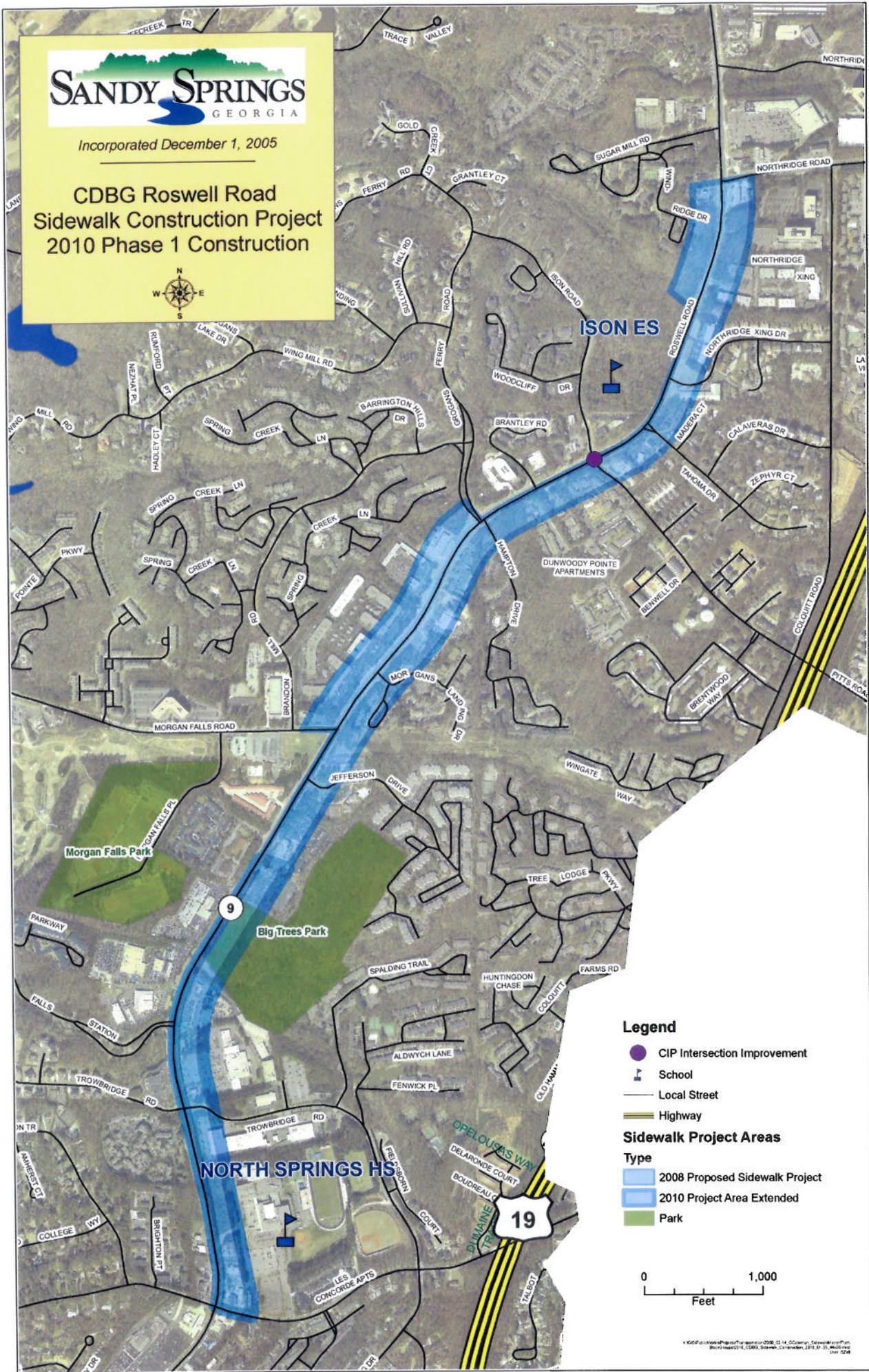
On May 5, 2009, the City of Sandy Springs adopted its 2009 Action Plan to provide land surveying, planning and construction of sidewalk improvements in the City's CDBG target areas in the Roswell Road corridor from Dalrymple Road to the Chattahoochee River. These sidewalk improvements will meet all ADA and City Overlay District Standards. Plans developed for these improvements include the installation of pedestrian street lighting throughout the surveyed area. In anticipation of the installation of pedestrian street lighting for Phase I of the sidewalk construction project, the City amended its 2008 CDBG Action Plan on March 16, 2010, and purchased \$176,292.13 in street lights. To purchase the remaining street lights for Phase I of the sidewalk project, the City proposes to amend its 2009 CDBG Action Plan and purchase \$491,783 in additional street lights. All street lights purchased will be installed during Phase I construction of the sidewalk project anticipated to begin in March 2011.

Adding this new activity to the 2009 CDBG Action Plan represents a substantial amendment to the current Action Plan. This amendment was advertised for public comment from February 7, 2011 to March 8, 2011, prior to final adoption by Mayor and City Council on April 5, 2011. Any public comments received will be presented at the April 5, 2011, regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council.

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CDBG Roswell Road Sidewalk Construction Project 2010 Phase 1 Construction

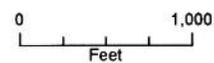


Legend

- CIP Intersection Improvement
- School
- Local Street
- Highway

Sidewalk Project Areas

- Type
- 2008 Proposed Sidewalk Project
 - 2010 Project Area Extended
 - Park



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Sandy Springs CDBG Program 2009 Action Plan Substantial Amendment & Public Hearing

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CDBG Program Funding & Timeliness Review

■ Available funds

• 2008 Action Plan – Grant Agreement	\$540,875
• 2009 Action Plan – Grant Agreement	\$539,982
• 2009 CDBG-Recovery Amendment (CDBG-R)	\$146,909
• 2010	<u>\$581,336</u>
• Total	\$1,809,102

■ HUD Timeliness Review

- May 1st each year
- Less than 1.5 years funding
- Sandy Springs = 2.08

■ Reasons

- Construction funds available for Phase I construction
- Permitting process comments
- August 3, 2010 regular meeting – approved change order
 - Additional survey and design work on Hightower Trail



Recommendation

- Amend 2009 CDBG Action Plan
 - Minimum expenditure - \$336,324
 - Purchase remaining Phase I street lights - \$491,783
- New Action Plan project activity
 - Substantial amendment
 - Council approval to amend 2009 Action Plan
 - Hold public hearing
 - Advertise for 30 day comment
 - April 5, 2011 amendment final approval
- 2010 Strategy
 - March 16, 2010 - Mayor and Council approved amendment
 - 2008 Action Plan to purchase \$176,292 in street lights
 - April 5, 2010 drawdown met requirement

