

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2011-06-XX

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody was honored by the Atlanta Regional Commission in 2010 with a prestigious Livable Center Initiative (LCI) grant towards the creation of a Master Plan for the Dunwoody Village area; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2010, the City of Dunwoody began two concurrent planning processes following the LCI goals and intent – one for the Dunwoody Village area and one for the Georgetown / North Shallowford area; and

WHEREAS, both the Dunwoody Village Master Plan and the Georgetown / North Shallowford Master Plan were completed, adopted, and incorporated into the Comprehensive Land Use Plan by the City of Dunwoody in March 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission accepted the Dunwoody Village Master Plan as having been completed in accordance with LCI standards and has grandfathered the Georgetown / North Shallowford Master Plan as adequately reflecting the goals and intent of an LCI study; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody is committed to the implementation of these two Master Plans and has already begun work on catalytic projects in each area including improvements to Dunwoody Village Parkway and the purchase of 16 acres in the heart of the Georgetown / North Shallowford area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody seeks to further invest in the Dunwoody Village and the Georgetown / North Shallowford area through implementation of each area's Master Plan and corresponding further studies and transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody looks forward to working with the Atlanta Regional Commission for supplemental study of access management on Chamblee Dunwoody Road in Dunwoody Village and the Georgetown / North Shallowford area to advance the LCI plan implementation in both areas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody that the City of Dunwoody supports the application for the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative Supplemental Study program, will provide a cash match equivalent to \$50,000 and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

SO RESOVLED AND EFFECTIVE this 20th day of June, 2011.

Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Tuller, Community Development Director

Date: June 20, 2011

Subject: **Application for LCI Supplemental Study Program**

BACKGROUND

The City of Dunwoody was honored by the Atlanta Regional Commission in 2010 with a prestigious Livable Center Initiative (LCI) grant towards the creation of a Master Plan for the Dunwoody Village area. In March 2011, following the conclusion of two successful planning processes, the City Council adopted LCI-style Master Plans for the Dunwoody Village area and for the Georgetown / North Shallowford area. In April 2011, the Atlanta Regional Commission accepted the Dunwoody Village Master Plan as having been completed in accordance with LCI standards and in May 2011, the ARC grandfathered the Georgetown / North Shallowford Master Plan as adequately reflecting the goals and intent of an LCI study.

Based on Council's direction, staff seeks to further invest in the Dunwoody Village and the Georgetown / North Shallowford area through implementation of each area's Master Plan through further studies and transportation and open space projects. The City's commitment to the implementation of these plans can be seen in the work already begun work on catalytic projects in each area including improvements to Dunwoody Village Parkway and the purchase of 16 acres in the heart of the Georgetown / North Shallowford area.

DISCUSSION

One of the key recommendations for both study areas is to improve the connectivity and transportation flow. In particular, both plans recommend an access management study of Chamblee Dunwoody Road in order to ensure future paving and intersection improvements are logically aligned with current and future infrastructure development priorities.

As LCI plans, Dunwoody is eligible to apply for an additional grant funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission for supplemental studies that both substantially advance plan implementation and have a direct connection to transportation issues. Although the supplemental study grant program is regionally competitive, staff believes an access management study of Chamblee Dunwoody does meet the requirements of the program and will be competitive. The LCI Supplemental Study program requires a 50% cash match. Staff has identified \$50,000 allocated as part of the adopted FY 2011 Budget for "Design Guidelines" or other implementation work to be completed as a result of the master plans and believes this to be an appropriate use of those funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting the attached Resolution of Support for inclusion in the City's application for the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative Supplemental Study program, provide a cash match for the study from identified funds, and authorize the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.