
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Director of Public Works

Date: 3/28/2011

Subject: **Resolution to Submit Projects for Transportation Investment Act Funding Consideration**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Adopt a resolution to submit a list of transportation projects to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for consideration to be included on the investment list for the 2012 regional sales tax referendum.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Investment Act enacted by the state of Georgia in 2009 has the potential to provide the Atlanta region with over \$700 million in transportation funding over a 10 year period through adoption of a regional sales tax. If approved by the voters of the region 85% of the sales tax would go towards regional projects selected by the Georgia DOT Director of Planning and an executive committee representing counties and cities in the region. The remaining 15% of sales tax proceeds would go directly to local governments for projects of their choosing.

In order for a project to be considered for funding on the regional investment list, it must be included in an approved plan and submitted to ARC. Two of the primary criteria for selecting projects for the final investment list will be the regional benefit provided and the ability to complete the project within the 10 year period of the tax. The projects listed in Attachment "A" meet the primary criteria in that each has been identified as a Tier 1 (highest priority) project in the City's Comprehensive Transportation Plan and all are located on ARC's Regional Strategic Corridor System (RSTS).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I recommend adoption of the resolution authorizing City staff to submit the projects listed in Attachment A for consideration to be included on the investment list for the regional sales tax referendum.r

**A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT PROJECTS FOR TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT
FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 277, Transportation Investment Act of 2010 to provide for a special district transportation sales and use tax referendum to fund transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Investment Act stipulates that local governments may submit projects to the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the purposes of assembling an investment list for the sales and use tax referendum; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody, Georgia is a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission MPO; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody has recently completed a comprehensive transportation plan based upon the direct input of citizens and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody’s plan identified the list of projects in Attachment A among its highest priority projects; and

WHEREAS, these projects support economic growth, improve safety, improve the region’s transportation network, minimize the impact on the environment, provide effective multi-modal solutions, and can be delivered within the 10-year time of the sales and use tax.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY hereby authorize transmittal of projects listed in Attachment A for consideration to be included on the investment list for the 2012 regional sales tax referendum.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 28th day of March, 2011.

Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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**ATTACHMENT "A"
PROJECT LIST**

1. **Automated Traffic Management Systems and Intelligent Transportation Systems** implementation in the Perimeter CID as well as Dunwoody Village and Chamblee Dunwoody Road, North Shallowford Road, and North Peachtree Road corridors: Signal timing, controller upgrades, and signal interconnection.
2. **Mount Vernon Road at Tilly Mill Road:** Change existing left/through to left only and existing right only to shared through/right.
3. **Chamblee Dunwoody Road at Spalding Drive:** Reconfigure intersection to increase safety.
4. **Chamblee Dunwoody Road Bike Lanes:** from North Shallowford Road to Mount Vernon Road and Roberts Drive to Spalding Drive.
5. **Mount Vernon Road at Vermack Road:** Add left turn lane from Mount Vernon Road to Vermack Road.

Intersection improvements on Chamblee Dunwoody Road from Vermack Road to North Shallowford Road.