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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Tuller, Community Development Director

Date: September 12, 2011

Subject: **Application for LCI Transportation Program**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

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.

BACKGROUND

One of the key recommendations for both study areas is to improve the connectivity and transportation flow. In particular, both plans recommend improved multi-modal choices and a way-finding signage program along Chamblee Dunwoody Road in order to catalyze re-development opportunities, reduce congestion, promote multi-modal transportation, and beautify the area.

As LCI plans, Dunwoody is eligible to apply for an additional grant funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission for a transportation program that substantially advances plan implementation and has a direct connection to transportation issues. Although the implementation fund program is regionally competitive, staff believes a transit-oriented development proposal focusing on streetscaping along Chamblee Dunwoody Road and implementation of a gateway/way-finding signage program does meet the requirements of the program and will be competitive. The LCI Transportation Program requires a 20% cash match. Based on programmed recommendations in the Georgetown/North Shallowford Master Plan study, staff recommends proposed funding levels to be assigned at \$100,000 the first year, \$160,000 the second, and \$700,000 the third, beginning in 2013, to receive up to \$4,000,000 in LCI funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION



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Staff recommends adopting the attached Resolution of Support for inclusion in the City's application for the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative Transportation 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.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2011-09-XX

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE TRANSPORTATION 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, as well as additional land purchases proposed in the upcoming future; 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 in the creation of an LCI application for implementation funds dedicated toward the establishment of transit-oriented development streetscape and gateway improvements along Chamblee Dunwoody Road to advance the LCI plan vision along this vital roadway arterial connecting both master plan areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody is also pursuing to highlight Chamblee Dunwoody Road as a gateway into the community by designing and implementing way-finding signage that welcomes visitors and creates a sense of identity for further investment into the area.

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 Transportation Program, will provide a cash match equivalent to \$100,000 the first year, \$160,000 the second, and \$700,000 the third and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

SO RESOVLED AND EFFECTIVE this 12th day of September, 2011.

Approved:

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Attest:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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