

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Michael Smith, Public Works Director

**Date:** March 12, 2018

**Subject:** **Approval of a Resolution in Support of a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Grant Application**

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### **ITEM DESCRIPTION**

Approval of a resolution in support of a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank grant application for the Ashford Dunwoody Road commuter trail between Perimeter Center West and Hammond Drive

### **BACKGROUND**

The Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) provides grant and loan funding for transportation projects that enhance mobility. Priority is given to projects that are ready for construction and that add economic and transportation value. The city has previously been awarded GTIB funding for the Tilly Mill Road/North Peachtree Road intersection project and for design of the Westside Connector.

For the current funding cycle staff is recommending a request of \$440,000 to be applied towards construction of the first phase of the Ashford Dunwoody Road commuter trail. This project was recommended in the PCID's Commuter Trail Master Plan and design is currently underway with funding provided by the PCID and the Atlanta Regional Commission. The trail will provide a two-way cycle track separated from the roadway and a wide sidewalk on the west side of Ashford Dunwoody Road in front of Perimeter Mall between Perimeter Center West and Hammond Drive. The estimated construction cost is \$1,320,000.

Though the grant does not require a financial commitment from the City, a high percentage of matching funds makes for a more competitive application. Staff is proposing a request of \$440,000 from the GTIB with \$440,000 provided by the PCID and \$440,000 from the city's hotel/motel tax revenue. It is anticipated that the grant funding will not be awarded until late 2018 in which case the city could include the matching funds in the 2019 budget.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution in support of a \$440,000 grant request to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. A \$250 non-refundable application fee is required with the grant application.

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR GEORGIA  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK GRANT PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** the City seeks to improve and enhance its infrastructure for all users of the transportation system; and
- WHEREAS,** the Perimeter Center area, as one of the largest concentrations of office space in the southeast, is vital to the economy of Atlanta and Georgia; and
- WHEREAS,** employers and employees increasingly expect that businesses be located where a wide range of commute options are available; and
- WHEREAS,** the Perimeter Community Improvement District (PCID) has completed a Commuter Trail Master Plan that identifies transportation projects that will improve bicycle and pedestrian access to nearby MARTA train stations; and
- WHEREAS,** the PCID is completing final design for one of the projects identified in the plan, a commuter trail along Ashford Dunwoody Road; and
- WHEREAS,** the City, with input from community stakeholders, has identified the Ashford Dunwoody trail as a priority project for the continued economic development of the Perimeter business district; and
- WHEREAS,** this segment of trail is an important link in a network of planned trails that will connect other multi-use paths and bicycle facilities in Dunwoody to the regional trail via Path 400; and
- WHEREAS,** the City and the PCID are partnering together to provide \$880,000 of the total estimated \$1,320,000 construction cost; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has worked successfully with the State Road and Tollway Authority to implement transportation improvements and appreciates the opportunity to advance another project that adds transportation and economic value for the state; 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 Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank grant for phase one of the Ashford Dunwoody Commuter Trail and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

**SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

Approved:

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Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

Attest:

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