

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: November 8, 2021

Subject: **Discussion of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Improvement Program 2021 Project Solicitation**

BACKGROUND

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is seeking applications for projects to receive federal funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). ARC will select eligible projects, through a competitive process for funding in state fiscal years 2023 to 2025. To be eligible for funding, projects must be identified in a locally adopted plan. Some of the primary criteria that will be used to evaluate and rank projects include:

- Deliverability of the project- How feasible is it to complete the project within the timeframe programmed in the TIP? Are there environmental, utility, or right of way risks that could impact the schedule?
- Regional Significance and Mobility- Is the project on a regionally significant route? How many people does it serve? Does it relieve congestion or improve reliability? How much connectivity does the project provide with other bicycle and pedestrians facilities, transit and community destinations?
- Equity- Does the project serve minority or low-income communities.
- Safety- Does the project address safety concerns?
- Resiliency- Does the project include green infrastructure? What impact will the project have on air quality?

In reviewing the project priorities identified earlier this year by the city council's transportation plan review committee against ARC's criteria, staff recommends submitting applications for federal funding to construct the following projects:

1. Winters Chapel Shared Use Path Phase II- This multi-jurisdictional project with Peachtree Corners has the potential to be a link in the regional trail system identified by ARC. It connects to a MARTA bus route and paths under development on Winters Chapel Road and Peeler Road.
2. Village Crossroads, Chamblee Dunwoody Road Corridor Improvements from Womack Road to Roberts Drive- This project previously received funding in the TIP for a scoping phase. The city is preparing to present concepts for public comment by the end of the year and move into the design phase next year. The project is within a Livable Center Initiative (LCI) area served by MARTA and would connect to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities.



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Both projects were prioritized in the top tier of projects by the transportation plan review committee.

NEXT STEPS

With the City Council's concurrence on the project recommendations, staff will develop resolutions of support to be voted on at the November 29th council meeting.