

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-237

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS THROUGH THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE TARA BOULEVARD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND OTHERWISE TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE, ALL AS MAY BE REQUIRED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Transportation and Development Department wishes to apply for federal transportation funds through the Atlanta Regional Commission (“ARC”) for a Pedestrian and Safety Improvement Project on State Route 3 (Tara Boulevard) in Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, ARC is accepting applications for new projects and modifications to existing projects for the region’s Transportation Improvement Plan (“TIP”); and

WHEREAS, ARC is currently accepting applications for TIP projects for a summer 2022 proposed adoption and ARC’s application deadline is December 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, per ARC’s application requirements, a resolution is required committing to fund the local funding portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, according to Georgia DOT, State Route 3 Tara Boulevard between SR 54 and I-75 currently ranks first among all roadway segments in the State of Georgia for the highest crash severity in the “dark-not lighted” category; and

WHEREAS, during Georgia DOT’s recent eight-year study period, 14,894 crashes

were recorded including 60 fatal crashes and 197 serious injury crashes. During the same period, 174 pedestrian related crashes occurred including 34 pedestrian fatalities and 60 serious injury crashes; and

WHEREAS, a potential project could include the addition of sidewalks, street lighting, and pedestrian lighting between I-75 and the Henry County line; and

WHEREAS, the planning level cost estimate for the total project is \$17,493,335; and

WHEREAS, currently, the TIP application is for funding years 2023 through 2025, which would encompass the engineering design phase and the right-of-way acquisition phase of the project and the construction phase would be eligible for formal TIP inclusion during a later TIP application process; and

WHEREAS, the engineering design phase is estimated at \$1,433,880; and

WHEREAS, following the traditional 80% Federal / 20% Local distribution, the estimated funding is \$1,147,104 Federal and \$286,776 Local; and

WHEREAS, the local funding estimate is divided between the three government entities with jurisdiction along Tara Boulevard, Clayton County \$176,597, City of Jonesboro \$57,276, and the City of Lovejoy \$52,903; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that all additional local funding requirements would be the responsibility of Georgia DOT; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interests of Clayton County and the County will best be served by applying for and accepting the grant funds, as described above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Clayton County, on behalf of the Clayton County Transportation and Development Department, to apply for federal transportation funds through the Atlanta Regional Commission for the Tara Boulevard Safety

Improvements Project. Further, the Board authorizes Clayton County to locally fund \$176,597.00 toward this project; and

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute all necessary documents, and otherwise to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense as necessary.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 16 day of November, 2021.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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BRENDA B. JAMES, CLERK

