City of Smyrna

Issue Sheet

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WARD / COUNCILMEMBER: Mayor Derek Norton

$ IMPACT: $17,200.00

Agenda Title:

Approval for the City of Smyrna's participation in the Phase III Top End Transit Study in the amount of $17,200.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute any related documents.

ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:

The City of Smyrna has been a participant in the Top End Transit Study with six other municipalities and four Community Improvement Districts (CID's) since 2018. The study has already completed two phases and is about to start the third. Kimley Horn has been the consultant responsible for the development of study.

The first phase of the study was the transit feasibility study that compared a rail-based system versus rubber-wheel based system, as well as evaluated the local special service districts and revenue. The second phase of the study was the pre-project development study that analyzed travel time, ridership forecasting, system maximization and project costs. The third phase of the study will focus on three components: (1) Preliminary station plans and project development; (2)Project messaging and communication materials; and (3)Funding refinement and draft legislation.

The total cost of the Phase III Top End Study is $330,000. Given the unprecedented opportunity for regional cooperation, Atlanta Link is contributing $200,000 in federal transit funding toward the completion of Phase III. This leaves $130,000 for the remaining cost of the study to be split amongst the seven municipalities and four CIDs. The City of Smyrna's share of the study is $17,200.00, which is prorated by relative population.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION: Approval for the City of Smyrna's participation in the Phase III Top End Transit Study in the amount of $17,200.00 and authorize the Mayor to Sign and execute any related documents.