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Agenda Title:

Approval of RES2021-11 for Mayor and Council support for submission of the SR280 / South Cobb Drive from Windy Hill Road to Concord Road Improvements Project to the Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Ward 3: Councilmember Susan Wilkinson

ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is currently holding a solicitation for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project funding proposals. Funding assistance is available from the Surface Transportation Block Grant program, which includes the set-aside for Transportation Alternatives, ARC's Livable Centers Initiative program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program for the purpose of accelerating the delivery of projects in the approved TIP which support the goals and objectives of The Regional Transportation Plan.

The City of Smyrna desires to submit a new federal funding request through the 2021 ARC TIP solicitation process for the SR 280 (South Cobb Drive) from Windy Hill Road to Concord Road Improvements. The unique identification number for this application is SMY-2-201. The project is being submitted under the Bicycle & Pedestrian category.

The City of Smyrna, in partnership with GDOT, ARC and Cobb County completed the South Cobb Drive Corridor Study in 2017 for the segment of SR 280/ South Cobb Drive between Windy Hill Road and Concord Road (Project ID: 0014483). The 1.5-mile corridor improvements project builds on the Design Concept 4 recommendation identified in the study and includes the construction of a multi-way boulevard along the corridor, with a raised landscaped median and a traffic signal at Bank Street and South Cobb Drive. Additionally, universal recommendations identified for the corridor include the following:

- Multi-use paths on both sides of the corridor
- Sidewalks and sharrows on side streets
- Access management strategies
- Intersection improvements at Powder Springs Street and South Cobb Drive
- Landscaping/ streetscaping/ beautification improvements

- Pocket Park at Church Street and South Cobb Drive

A review of accident history along the corridor between October 2011 and October 2016 indicated that 15 accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists were reported. One fatality occurred in 2015. Since November 2016, three additional crashes involving pedestrians have occurred along this corridor.

Project costs are identified below:

- PE - \$3.3 Million
- Construction - \$25.5 Million
- ROW - \$950,000

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of RES2021-11 for Mayor and Council support for submission of the SR280 / South Cobb Drive from Windy Hill Road to Concord Road Improvements Project to the Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.