

RESOLUTION 2020-08

RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE TO PURSUE GRANT FUNDING AND TO FUND THE COMMUNITY MATCH

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) is a grant program that incentivizes local jurisdictions to re-envision their communities as vibrant, walkable places that offer increased mobility options, encourage healthy lifestyles and provide improved access to jobs and services; and

WHEREAS, The Livable Centers Initiative 2022 call for ideas is now open, and communities interested in receiving grant funding for visioning and placemaking studies to address diversity in housing, transit connections and opportunities, and multi-modal transportation improvements are encouraged to apply for this year's grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes that completing a corridor plan for South Cobb Drive from Lake Court to Pat Mell Road will tie together the proposed improvements from the 2017 South Cobb Drive Corridor Improvement Study and the Smyrna Connects: Transit Feasibility Study. The goal of the Livable Centers Initiative grant would be to create strategic master plan that addresses land use, housing, transit and employment for the corridor to support the improvements and recommendations from the previous studies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Smyrna seeks to apply for assistance through the ARC's Livable Centers Initiative to complete a South Cobb Drive corridor plan; and

WHEREAS, the Livable Centers Initiative program is funded with federal transportation dollars. The grant covers 80% of the cost of the plan, with the recipient making a 20% match; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the City of Smyrna agrees to provide the local match of \$40,000 for a total project value of \$200,000; and

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Smyrna, Georgia hereby endorse the application to the 2022 Livable Centers Initiative and also commit to a minimum local match of \$40,000 to fund the City's cash portion for the required community match.

Read and adopted in the meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, held on February 21, 2022.

City Seal:



Derek Norton, Mayor

Heather K. Peacon-Corn, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Scott A. Cochran, City Attorney