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Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the South Cobb Corridor Improvement Plan

ISSUE: Approval of the recommendations of the South Cobb Corridor Improvement Plan and the Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the Plan

BACKGROUND: In April 2015 the City Council authorized the submission of an application to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the funding of a transportation and land use study of the South Cobb Drive Corridor. In December 2015 the City was notified that a grant award in the amount of \$120,000 was received from the GDOT. The funding for this grant was from the Surface Transportation Program Urban Category. The grant required a twenty (20%) percent match from the City which amounted to \$30,000. The match was included in the FY16 City Budget. The total amount available for the study was \$150,000 (\$120,000 grant + \$30,000 match).

After the completion of the City's Request for Proposal process the Croy Engineering consulting team was chosen to conduct the study. They initiated the study process in September 2016.

The study area includes both sides of South Cobb Drive from Windy Hill Road south to Concord Road (approximately 1.5 miles). The study focused on analyzing transportation issues, opportunities and challenges along the aforementioned corridor and makes specific recommendations and proposals for addressing those issues. The study also addressed land use issues along the study corridor and made recommendations related to those issues.

The consulting team went through an eight (8) month study process. After completing an extensive citizen participation process, gathering input from stakeholders in the study corridor and documenting numerous website survey results, three (3) improvement concepts were formulated and proposed. Those improvement concepts

and the recommendations regarding land use for the study corridor are outlined in the attached DRAFT study document. While some minor format changes and corrections will need to be incorporated into the document, the proposed improvement concepts and land use recommendations have been finalized.

The results of this study will be utilized to inform the Smyrna Comprehensive Plan and will also be used as the basis for future funding requests related to the implementation of the preferred improvement concept.

RECOMMENDATION/REQUESTED ACTION: Adoption of a Resolution supporting the South Cobb Drive Corridor Improvement Plan.