



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: 2026-0133

Substitute

1/27/2026

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Public Works – Transportation

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

Resolution to Submit Surface Transportation Block Grant Applications to the Atlanta Regional Commission for the following projects: Kensington Road Multiuse Trail Design, Henderson Mill Road Scoping Study, North Druid Hills Road Design, Redan Road Design, S. River Trail Scoping Study and S. River/Michelle Obama Trails Master Plan.

Information Contact: Patrece Keeter

Phone Number: (770) 492-5206

PURPOSE:

To consider adopting the attached resolution to authorize the Transportation Division to submit federal aid grant applications to seek up to \$5,800,000.00 in FY 27 and FY 28 federal transportation funds for Scoping Studies, Preliminary Design or Master Plan Study for the projects detailed in Exhibit A and to consider authorizing the CEO to administer all necessary documents related to the applications.

NEED/IMPACT:

The ARC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning in the Atlanta metropolitan region and has released a call for applications for federal funding under the STBG program, which includes set-asides for Transportation Alternatives and the Livable Centers Initiative programs for fiscal years 2027 and 2028. To be considered for project funding, a resolution of support is required from the Board of Commissioners. The Resolution contains specific projects the County seeks to fund, which are taken from the adopted DeKalb County Transportation Plan. The ARC may choose to award funds for all or none of the submitted projects and may also award an amount less than the maximum award applied for by the County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If one or more of these projects are selected for funding, then the Surface Transportation Block Grants would significantly assist DeKalb County in advancing these projects. DeKalb County's exact commitment cannot be determined until a grant amount is awarded. The proposed funding source is SPLOST 2 and General Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the resolution to authorize the Transportation Division to submit federal aid grant applications to seek up to \$5,800,000.00 in FY 27 and FY 28 federal transportation funds for Scoping Studies, Preliminary Design or Master Plan Study for the projects detailed in Exhibit A and authorize the CEO to administer all necessary documents related to the application.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO COMMIT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF, AN APPLICATION TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, it continues to be the desire of DeKalb County to support the development and enhancement of its corridors, as a means to create and sustain livable environments, efficient vehicular movement, reduction in congestion, improvement of air quality, and facilitation of public mobility through the use of a multi-modal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning in the Atlanta Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area, which includes DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the ARC has released a call for applications for federal funding from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, which includes the set-aside for Transportation Alternatives, and the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) program for fiscal years 2027 through 2028; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to submit an application for consideration to fund specific Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects for fiscal years 2027 through 2028; and

WHEREAS, the specific TIP projects are listed on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement for federal financial assistance, if awarded, will impose certain obligations upon DeKalb County, and may require DeKalb County to provide the local share of the cost of the TIP projects; and

WHEREAS, the ARC may choose to award an amount that is less than the maximum award which DeKalb County applies for; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the grant money, DeKalb County will provide all necessary certifications and assurances to the ARC required for the TIP projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Governing Authority:

1. Authorizes the filing of a grant application with the ARC for federal funds from the STBG program, which includes the set-aside for Transportation Alternatives, and the LCI program for the TIP projects listed in Exhibit A; and
2. Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary certifications, assurances, and other documents the ARC may require before awarding the federal assistance grant.

January 27, 2026

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ___ day of _____, 2026.

CHAKIRA JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ___ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

EXHIBIT A

Priority Rank	Project Type	Project	From	To	CTP Project Number	Commission Districts	Funding		ROW		CST	
							FY	\$ Fed/Local	FY	\$ Fed/Local	FY	\$ Fed/Local
DK-01	Scoping Study	South River Shared Use Path	Flakes Mill Road	MLK High School	BP-1464	3, 7	27	400,000/100,000 SPL2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DK-02	Master Plan	South River/Michelle Obama Trail Master Plan	Moreland Ave (City of Atlanta)	Arabia Mountain Trail		3, 5, 6, 7	28	600,000/150,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DK-03	Design	Redan Road	Bridge at Snappfinger Creek	South Hairston Road	R-405c/R-405d	4, 5, 7	27	1,600,000/400,000 SPL2	30	2,400,000/600,000 SPL2	32	8,000,000/10,000,000 SPL3*
DK-04	Design	Kensington Road Shared Use Path	Memorial Drive	Indian Creek MARTA Station	M-2006	3, 4, 5, 6, 7	27	960,000/240,000 SPL2	29	800,000/200,000 SPL2	31	4,000,000/1,000,000 SPL3
DK-05	Design	North Druid Hills Road	Willivee	Lawrenceville Hwy	R-411	2, 6	28	1,440,000/360,000 SPL2	31	4,500,000/1,128,000 SPL3	33	8,000,000/10,000,000 SPL3*
DK-06	Scoping Study	Henderson Mill Road Scoping Study	Chamblee Tucker Road	Northlake Parkway	R-225	1, 7	28	400,000/100,000 SPL2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*ARC will not typically fund more than \$8M per project. Will need to seek GDOT, SRTA or other funds to assist with local commitment.