

DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

File #: 2022-2221, Version: 1

Public Hearing: YES □ **NO** ☒ **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 2

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 2

District 2 2022 Reserve for Appropriation \$30,000 for Trail Oriented Design White Paper Study

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this study will be to show the direct connection between public investment in alternative transportation programming and the increased likelihood or requirement by private investors to follow trail program improvements. DeKalb County Commissioner Jeff Rader will fund a Georgia Tech City and Regional Planning affiliated study to make the case for higher levels of public funding for trail projects in the region. This paper will include case studies, graphic illustrations of successful projects, and a decision matrix for how best to prioritize available funding.

NEED/IMPACT:

Trail project funding has too often been relegated to a recreational only category of funding yet has been proven in recent times to be a critical site selection criterion for major redevelopment projects around the country and in the Atlanta region. The best recent examples of this are the Atlanta Beltline and the recently approved redevelopment plan for North DeKalb Mall.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase appropriation for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund - Line Item (09110.XXXXXX.272.0000.0000) - \$30,000

Decrease appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund - Reserve for Appropriation (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) - \$30,000

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the appropriation of \$30,000 from District 2 2022 Reserve for Appropriation Account for Trail Oriented Design White Paper Study by researchers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology.