COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	County Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Jack Krakeel
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, December 1, 2010	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Review of a request from Peachtree City related to the transportation projects and the use of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds.

Background/History/Details:

City officials would like to discuss the use of SPLOST funds with the County Commissioners for two projects:

1. Construction of a Gateway Bridge (Wynnmeade/S.R. 54/Planterra)
2. Intersection improvements at Crosstown Road and Peachtree Parkway.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Provide information regarding the need for these projects including level of funding being requested from the County's portion of SPLOST proceeds.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

2004 SPLOST proceeds would fund these projects if the City and County reach agreement.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	No

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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November 9, 2010

Mr. Jack Smith, Chairman
Fayette County Board of Commissioners
140 Stonewall Avenue West
Suite 100
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Re: Peachtree Parkway/Crosstown Drive & Gateway Bridge
Funding for Improvement Projects

Dear Chairman Smith:

At the November 4, 2011, Peachtree City Council Meeting, Council voted to send a formal request to you asking Fayette County to fund the balance needed for two transportation projects from the County's 70% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) fund (see attached memo). The specific transportation projects are the Peachtree Parkway and Crosstown Drive intersection improvement project, and the Gateway Bridge multi-use path project.

I am requesting additional funds from the County because the City feels strongly that these are worthwhile projects, however, we do not have the necessary funds to complete them. The requested amounts are in the table below under the "Balance Needed" column. Please let me know if the County will be willing to fund the balance of these projects, as we have to notify the Atlanta Regional Commission before the end of the year if we are proceeding with these projects.

Project	**Total Cost**	**TIP Funding**	**City Funding**	**Balance Needed**
Crosstown at PTPW	$1,218,529	$444,000	$0	$774,529
Gateway Bridge	$1,681,762	$518,400	$134,000	$1,029,362

The City requests the opportunity to present this request at your December 1, 2010 work shop meeting in order to discuss the scope and justification for these projects.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Don Haddix
Mayor of Peachtree City

cc:	*Fayette County*	*Board of Commissioners*
	David Rast	*Community Development Director*
	Bernard McMullen	*City Manager*
	Dave Borkowski	*City Engineer*
	Nikki Vrana	*Interim City Manager*
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CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: **Mayor and City Council**

VIA: **City Manager**
Financial Services Director
Assistant Financial Services Director
Purchasing Agent
Community Development Director

FROM: **City Engineer**

DATE: **October 28, 2010**

SUBJECT: **Consider Request to FCBOC for Funding 2003 RTP Projects**
November 4, 2010 City Council Meeting

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to send a formal request to the Fayette County Board of Commissioners (FBOC) requesting funding for two transportation projects. The specific transportation projects are the Peachtree Parkway and Crosstown Drive intersection improvement project, and the Gateway Bridge multi-use path project.

Discussion:

During a previous workshop, Staff had discussed several "at-risk" transportation projects with City Council. From those discussions action was taken to remove a couple projects entirely from the Regions's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft 2010 County Transportation Plan (CTP). The removed projects are the TDK Boulevard Extenstion and the Crosstown Drive Widening projects.

Also discussed in the previous workshop was the need to find additional funding for the remaining "at-risk" projects that are on the TIP (A complete list of TIP Projects in Fayette County is attached as Attachment 1). These remaining projects include the Cooper Circle to the Baseball Soccer Complex (BSC) multi-use path project, the Peachtree Parkway and Crosstown Drive intersection improvement project, and the Gateway Bridge multi-use path project. The funding balances needed for these three projects is shown in the table below.

Project	Total Cost	TIP Funding	CityFunding	Balance Needed
Crosstown at PTPW Intersection	$1,218,529	$444,000	$0	$774,529
Gateway Bridge	$1,681,762	$518,400	$134,000	$1,029,362
Cooper to BSC Path	$838,000	$200,000	$0	$638,790

All of the projects listed above, except for the Cooper Circle to BSC multi-use path project, are listed on the 2003 CTP. Projects on the 2003 CTP are eligiable for funding from the 70% County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) fund that was approved in 2004.

The only other transportation project listed on the 2003 CTP of signifigance to Peachtree City is the SR 74 North multi-use bridge near Crabapple Lane. This project is not currently funded or on the TIP. (A complete list of CTP projects is attached as Attachment 2).

For the Cooper path to BSC, Staff recommends that the City cancel this project due to lack of available funding options to cover the balance needed. Staff also recommends canceling this project due to the low overall ranking in the multi-use master path plan matrix. In addition, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has been hesitant to allow the path in the right-of-way of State Route 74, which would help decrease the overall cost of the project.

For the Gateway Bridge project, Staff recommends requesting the balance needed amount of the project from the FCBOC to come from the 70% SPLOST fund. If approved, this will enable the City to work with its new transporation consultant and start the design process again with the GDOT. Since the project is partially funded with TIP funds, the plan review process with the GDOT will take several more years to complete.

For the Peachtree Parkway and Crosstown intersection project, Staff also recommends requesting the balance needed amount of the project from the FCBOC to come from the 70% SPLOST fund. If approved, Staff will work with the GDOT to attempt to revise the approved concept report to allow for a reduced project scope. The reduced project scope will involve turn lanes only. If the revised concept report is approved by the GDOT, this would enable the City to still use the TIP funds for construction.

Staff had explored the possibility of transferring funds from one TIP project to another to fund the balances of projects. While this has been done in the past, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has stated that they are no longer going to do this. There is also a shortfall in the current TIP and there are not any excess funds available to fund project shortfalls or overages.

Budget Impact:

If approved by City Council and the FCBOC, the only budget impact will be the $134,000 for the City's share in the design of the Gateway Bridge project. These funds are currently budgeted in the City's SPLOST.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – List of TIP Projects
Attachment 2 – List of CTP Projects

cc:

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Public Services Director