

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE FEDERALLY FUNDED
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (Urban) GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston, has not seen significant pedestrian or transportation operational improvements over the past fifty years despite substantial increases in pedestrian activity and traffic volumes; and

WHEREAS, the demographic makeup of the City of Clarkston necessitates significant funding to implement pedestrian infrastructure throughout the street network leading to and within the Town Center Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston approved the 2004 LCI Clarkston Town Center Study which identified various pedestrian safety, connectivity and traffic operational improvements critical to invigorating and revitalizing the downtown center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston is currently updating the 2004 LCI Study with an ARC Ten Year funding grant which will further clarify the urgent need to undertake much-needed pedestrian and transportation safety initiatives and will set the stage for positive economic development for downtown revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston obtained a federally funded SAFETEA-LU project in 2006 for Pedestrian Safety, Connectivity and Operational Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston was approved by the State Road and Tollway Authority to receive a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank loan, and with additional general fund monies; satisfied the federal funding match requirements for the SAFETEA-LU project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston commenced with Project Concept Design in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston has exceeded state and federal requirements for community outreach through exhaustive project information meetings including face-to-face discussions with affected business owners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston has submitted the revised Concept Report to the Georgia Department of Transportation and anticipate approval of the Concept in late spring 2015; and

WHEREAS, during Concept Development and in concurrence with the 2015 LCI Ten Year Update, the City of Clarkston surmised that modifying the project scope to incorporate a number of recommendations from the Update was necessary to fully realize the most current planning initiatives and concepts available; and

WHEREAS, during Concept Development, unforeseen conditions resulted in project costs exceeding available budget;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clarkston supports the grant application to the Atlanta Regional Commission for the Surface Transportation Program (STP – Urban) for “existing federally funded TIP projects that require additional federal funds”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council for the City of Clarkston, if awarded STP-Urban funding, agrees to commit the required local share if federal funds are awarded.

RESOLVED this _____ day of April _____, 2015

Ted Terry, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk