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AGENDA

COBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 30, 2022 – 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

BOC Chair

1. To authorize the acceptance and appropriation of reallocated funding under the Emergency Rental Assistance 1 (ERA1) program.

Transportation

2. To adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Cumberland Core Loop, also known as Cumberland Sweep, planning project.

ADJOURNMENT



BOC Chair

Lisa Cupid, Chairwoman

Districts All

TO: Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

FROM: Lisa Cupid, Chairwoman

DATE: March 30, 2022

PURPOSE

To authorize the acceptance and appropriation of reallocated funding under the Emergency Rental Assistance 1 (ERA1) program.

BACKGROUND

The United States Congress approved an additional emergency COVID-19 relief bill, signed into law on December 27, 2020 by President Trump, that included, among other items, the allocation of \$25 billion to states and local governments with more than 200,000 residents to provide for assistance with rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing. Not less than 90 percent of awarded funds must be used for direct financial assistance. Remaining funds are available for housing stability services, including case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed, and administrative costs.

Cobb County received \$22,880,880.20 towards this effort and has since successfully distributed all the funding received under this program. On January 25, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved a Request for Reallocated Funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"). Because the State has not expended at least 65% of its ERA1 award, and in order to keep the funding within the State of Georgia, DCA has voluntarily agreed to transfer to Cobb County \$40,000,000.00 from its remaining ERA1 award. This request has been approved by the Governor and the Department of the Treasury.

Under the guidelines of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, the requesting ERA Grantee (Cobb County) acknowledges that any reallocated funds must be obligated by December 29, 2022, and such funds not obligated or expended at that time must be returned to Treasury as part of the award closeout process pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.344(d).

In order to maintain continuity of the program but allow for the expenditure of funds prior to the federal deadline, only a portion of the total re-allocation will be initially allocated to individual providers. The authority to re-allocate the remainder to the various Service Providers, without further action required by the Board, is delegated to the County Manager. When, in the County Manager's discretion, funds should be re-allocated, she shall provide written notice to the Finance Director. This does not change any other term or condition of the program. To aid in any future determinations, the Service Providers will be required to participate in monthly status updates to confirm timely distribution and proper allocation.

IMPACT STATEMENT

This action will have no ongoing impact on any budgeted County Funds.

FUNDING

Funding will be available with the following transactions:

Increase Revenue:	278-055-V9CT-4432	Federal Grants	\$40,000,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	278-055-V9CT-8820	ERA1 Contingency	\$40,000,000.00
Decrease Expenditure:	278-055-V9CT-8820	ERA1 Contingency	\$28,000,000.00

WFN

Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA1-6326	Professional Services	\$ 509,090.92
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HomeFree

Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA3-6574	Contributions	\$6,363,636.36
Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA3-6326	Professional Services	\$ 509,090.91

Must Ministries

Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA4-6574	Contributions	\$6,363,636.36
Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA4-6326	Professional Services	\$ 509,090.91

Center for Family Resources

Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA5-6574	Contributions	\$6,363,636.36
Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA5-6326	Professional Services	\$ 509,090.91

Sweetwater Mission

Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA6-6574	Contributions	\$6,363,636.36
Increase Expenditure:	278-425-ERA6-6326	Professional Services	\$ 509,090.91

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Commissioners authorize the acceptance and appropriation of reallocated funding under the Emergency Rental Assistance 1 (ERA1) program, in the amount of \$40,000,000.00; delegate to the County Manager the authority to re-allocate funding, without further action required by the Board; authorize the corresponding budget transactions; and further authorize the Chairwoman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Cobb and each Service Provider for the re-allocated ERA1 funds, the Seventh Amendment to the Grant Administration Agreement, and any other necessary documents for said purpose.

ATTACHMENTS

1. ERA MOU Re-allocation Master 3-2022
2. WFN Seventh Amendment

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Cobb County, Georgia

and

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between Cobb County, Georgia (“Cobb”) and _____ (“Service Provider”) to administer emergency rental assistance under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (“ERA1”) as re-allocated to Cobb by the State of Georgia, approved by the Board in the current proposed amount of up to \$6,363,636.36 plus fees, to be used to administer rental relief grants for Cobb County renters who have been adversely affected the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

BACKGROUND

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a world health emergency and a global pandemic. A National Public Health Emergency was declared for the United States on March 13, 2020. Even as the American economy continues its recovery from the devastating impact of the pandemic, millions of Americans face deep rental debt and fear evictions with the loss of basic housing security.

To meet this need, two pieces of federal legislation, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted on December 27, 2020, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted on March 11, 2021, included Emergency Rental Assistance funding.

Cobb County received \$22,880,880.20 of ERA1 funding and successfully distributed all it. In addition, Cobb County received its first tranche of ERA2 in the amount of \$7,241,827.84 and has expended over 95% of that funding. Because the State has not expended at least 65% of its ERA1 award, and in order to keep the funding within the State of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on behalf of the State voluntarily agreed to transfer to Cobb County \$40,000,000.00 from its remaining ERA 1 award. This request has been approved by the Governor and the Department of the Treasury.

PURPOSE

In an effort to aid some of those tenants adversely affected by COVID-19, on March 30, 2022, the Board approved an allocation of emergency rental assistance in an amount of up to \$6,363,636.36 plus fees (the “ERA1 Re-allocation”), to be administered by Service Provider for grants to help qualified renters who currently reside in single family homes, condos, attached homes, or apartments in Cobb County to pay their rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing to avoid a potential eviction.

A. Program Description

Payments under the ERA1 Re-allocation are to be provided to eligible households for housing costs that they are unable to meet as a result of COVID-19. Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance, including the payment of:

1. rent;
2. rental arrears;
3. utilities and home energy costs; and
4. utilities and home energy costs arrears.

Telecommunication services (telephone, cable, internet) delivered to the rental dwelling are not considered to be utilities. Utilities that are covered by the landlord within rent will be treated as rent.

The payment of existing housing-related arrears that could result in eviction of an eligible household is prioritized. Assistance must be provided to reduce an eligible household's rental arrears before the household may receive assistance for future rent payments. Once a household's rental arrears are reduced, grantees may only commit to providing future assistance for up to three months at a time. Households may reapply for additional assistance at the end of the three-month period if needed and the overall time limit for assistance is not exceeded.

Assistance is available with respect to payments originally due beginning March 13, 2020.

An application for rental assistance may be submitted by either an eligible household or by a landlord on behalf of that eligible household. If the request is by the landlord, it should submit a completed Landlord Verification form. While the landlord may submit the application, the tenant must work directly with the Service Provider to ensure all necessary documentation is received.

Funds shall be paid directly to landlords and utility service providers.

B. Eligible Households

An "eligible household" is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

1. Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
2. Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
3. Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median.

A tenant must provide a written attestation of the reduction in household income, significant costs incurred, or financial hardship during or due to COVID-19 along with the documents supporting the hardship. It should also include language that the documentation provided is correct and complete.

Tenants must also demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability which may include past due rent and utility notices and eviction notices, if any.

Household income is determined as either the household's total income for calendar year 2020 or the household's monthly income at the time of application. For household incomes determined using the latter method, income eligibility must be redetermined every 3 months. To verify income either of the following source documents shall be obtained:

1. For determining annual household income, a wage statements, interest statements, or unemployment compensation statements reflecting annual income for the household or a copy of the Form 1040 filed with the IRS for the household.;
2. For determining monthly income, a wage statement, interest statement of unemployment compensation statement for at least the two months prior to the application date. If the applicant qualifies based on monthly income, the household income must be reverified every three months for the duration of the assistance.

Service Providers must obtain, if available, a current lease, signed by the applicant and the landlord that identifies the unit where the applicant resides and establishes the rental payment amount. In the absence of a lease, evidence of amount of rental payment may include bank statements, check stubs, or other documentation that reasonably establishes a pattern of paying rent or a written attestation by a landlord who can be verified as the legitimate owner or management agent.

All payments for utilities and home energy costs should be supported by a bill, invoice, or evidence of payment to the provider of the utility or home energy service.

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household. ERA1 Re-allocation funds may not be applied to costs that have been or will be reimbursed under other federal assistance. If an eligible household receives a monthly federal subsidy (a Housing Choice Voucher, Public Housing, or Project-Based Rental Assistance) and the tenant rent is adjusted according to changes in income, the household may receive ERA1 Re-allocation funds for the tenant-owed portion of rent or utilities that is not subsidized.

C. Process Obligations

As of the date of approval of this ERA1 Re-allocation, Cobb is waiting for its next tranche of ERA2 funds. In the likely event that the two types of assistance are available to be expended contemporaneously, Service Provider agrees to review applications for COVID hardships and draw down on ERA1 Re-allocation funds before utilizing ERA2 funds. This is necessary as this ERA1 Re-allocation expires on December 29, 2022 and any unused funds must be returned to the Treasury; because the further in time from the actual outbreak of the pandemic, the more difficult it will be to show a COVID hardship; and because ERA2 funds remain available until September 25, 2025.

Service Provider shall review each application received in order to determine household eligibility. Tenants or landlords may be referred to or contact the Service Providers directly. Service

Providers shall prioritize consideration of applications received from eligible households if one of the following conditions exist: 1) the household income is at or below 50 percent of the area median; 2) one or more individuals within the household have been unemployed for the 90-day period preceding the application date.

Service Provider agrees to the following minimal obligations:

1. Enter application in Client Track (the Georgia Homeless Management Information System platform) in order to avoid duplicate applications and overpayments. If a tenant has received assistance from another of the current Service Providers under this program, the Service Provider shall refer the tenant back to the prior Service Provider for additional consideration.
2. Send a knowledgeable staff member or representative to Magistrate Court as requested by Magistrate Court staff to meet with parties and attempt to reach an agreeable resolution short of eviction and communicate with Magistrate Court staff in a timely manner.
3. Upon receipt of an application, Service Provider shall review the tenant's needs and initiate conversations with the landlord, utility provider (if applicable) and tenant to resolution of the matter. Documentation shall be gathered in accordance with requirements set forth in the Policy and Procedures.
4. Coordinate payment directly to the landlord and/or utility provider. The utility provider must agree to supply written proof of payment on behalf of the tenant.
5. Provide tenant documentation of all payments made on their behalf.
6. Meet all reporting and retention requirements.

Service Provider agrees to utilize uniform documents created for this program so that all Cobb applicants will experience a uniform process to the degree possible subject to their unique household circumstances.

D. Supplemental Guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury

The U.S. Department of Treasury has stated that the guidance and reporting requirements for this program will be issued on a rolling basis throughout the year. Service Provider represents that it will become familiar with all guidance and will ensure that the ERA1 Re-allocation only be used for proper expenditures and in compliance with guidance as interpreted by Cobb.

E. Program Fees

The ERA1 Re-allocation shall be administered by Service Provider. Cobb intends to compensate Service Provider at a fee of 8% of the funds distributed. It is suggested that fee requests be made to Cobb Finance in conjunction with reimbursement requests, not more than once a week.

F. Reimbursement Basis / Fund Availability

The ERA1 Re-allocation shall be held by the county and Service Provider shall submit statements for all approved grants and fees.

These funds are generally available through December 29, 2022. Any funds not expended by December 29, 2022 shall be forfeited and no longer available for reimbursement.

In order to maintain continuity of the program but allow for the expenditure of funds prior to the federal deadline, only a portion of the total re-allocation will be initially allocated to Service Provider. The authority to re-allocate the remainder to all Service Providers, without further action required by the Cobb County Board of Commissioner, is delegated to the County Manager. When, in the County Manager's discretion, funds should be re-allocated, she shall provide written notice to the Finance Director. Cobb will notify the Service Provider. This does not change any other term or condition of the program.

G. Reporting

Service Provider agrees to participate in monthly status calls with the County Manager and appropriate staff, at a time convenient for all parties, to discuss distributions, any supplemental guidance, and any other pertinent topics.

Service Provider agrees to provide the Board of Commissioners status updates, as requested, during the period the funds remain, to include successes, challenges, funds disbursed, and number of households assisted.

Service Provider shall provide reporting information to Cobb within 5 business days of the end of the prior month for submission to the U.S. Department of Treasury. It is important to the continuation of the program that reporting be provided as requested. It is understood that reporting requirements are subject to change throughout the grant term. At the current time, the following information needs to be tracked:

1. address of the rental unit;
2. gender, race and ethnicity of the primary applicant for assistance for each type of assistance (rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities/home energy costs arrears);
3. name, address, social security number, tax identification number or DUNS number of the landlord and utility providers, if any;
4. the number of unique households that completed and submitted an application for ERA assistance;
5. the number of eligible households that receive assistance from such payments;
6. the number of unique households that received their initial ERA assistance;
7. the acceptance rate of applicants for assistance;
8. amount and percentage of monthly rent and rental arrears covered by the ERA Allocation;
9. amount and percentage of separately stated utility and home energy costs and utility and home energy costs arrears covered by the ERA Allocation;
10. number of months of rental payments and number of months of utility or home energy cost payments for which the ERA1 Re-allocation is provided;
11. total amount of each type of assistance (rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utility and home energy cost arrears);
12. amount of outstanding rental arrears for each household;

13. number of individuals in the household and household income level, with such information disaggregated for households with income that—
 - a. does not exceed 30 percent of the area median income for the household;
 - b. exceeds 30 percent but does not exceed 50 percent of the area median income for the household; and
 - c. exceeds 50 percent but does not exceed 80 percent of area median income for the household;
14. gender, race, and ethnicity of the primary applicant for each income level.

H. Record Retention

Service Provider agrees to maintain records of all application materials, whether approved or denied, for a period of seven years and agrees to provide such records to Cobb upon request.

FUNDING

Cobb has received \$40,000,000.00 of ERA1 Re-allocation funding which was accepted by Board of Commissioners on March 30, 2022. A portion of this amount has been allocated to Service Provider for disbursement pending proper reimbursement requests from Service Provider. The remainder is available for allocation after Service Provider expends all of its initial allocation. There is no guarantee that any additional funds will be allocated.

At this time, funding will be available from Cobb's Emergency Rental Assistance Fund as follows: \$6,363,636.36 (contributions) and up to \$509,090.91 (professional services). Both items being eligible expenditures substantially related to COVID-19.

DURATION

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from Cobb and Service Provider. This MOU shall become effective upon the signature by the authorized officials from Cobb and Service Provider and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by either party by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials, this MOU shall end on April 30, 2022 if not executed by the parties.

COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Title: _____

By: Lisa N. Cupid
Title: Chair, Cobb County Board of
Commissioners

[Corporate Seal]

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk's Office

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF COBB

SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

This Seventh Amendment to the Grant Administrative Agreement ("Amendment") is made and entered into by and between COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia ("County") and W. FRANK NEWTON, INC. ("WFN"), a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as "Parties".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County and WFN entered into a Grant Administration Agreement (the "Agreement"), effective October 1, 2020, and with a current expiration date of September 30, 2023, whereby WFN would provide administrative services for various federal and state grants and possibly additional funds as may be received throughout the contract term; and

WHEREAS, as the American economy continues to recover from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of Cobb County citizens face deep rental debt and fear evictions and housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, to meet this need, two pieces of federal legislation, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted on December 27, 2020 ("ERA1 Funding"), and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted on March 11, 2021 ("ERA2 Funding"), included Emergency Rental Assistance funding.

WHEREAS, County received \$22,880,880.20 of ERA1 Funding, successfully distributed all it, and received \$7,241,827.84 in its first tranche of ERA2 Funding, expending over 95% of that funding; and

WHEREAS, because the State has not expended at least 65% of its ERA1 award, and in order to keep the funding within the State of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs voluntarily agreed to transfer to Cobb County \$40,000,000.00 from its remaining ERA 1 award which has been approved by the Governor and the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, County has received a re-allocation of ERA1 Funding ("ERA1 Re-allocation") in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 which was accepted by the Board of Commissioners on March 30, 2022 and subsequently allocated to four Service Providers; and

WHEREAS, as the direct recipient of the ERA1 Re-allocation from the federal government, County is liable for ensuring that all expenditures are proper and conform to U.S. Treasury guidance and, therefore, has established distribution of the ERA1 Re-allocation on a reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS, County desires WFN to provide grant management oversight for those

Service Providers who received an allocation of ERA; and

WHEREAS, WFN desires to render such grant management oversight in connection with the ERA1 Re-allocation; and

WHEREAS, County and WFN desire to amend the Agreement on the conditions as set forth in this Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the obligations and benefits flowing from and to each party, and other valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1.

Exhibit 1, Fixed Price Compensation and Method of Payment, shall be amended by adding a line item for the ERA1 Re-allocation oversight and increasing the compensation by up to \$800,000.00 for the year 2022. For this program, WFN shall submit to the County separate invoices based on the amount of reimbursement submitted by the individual Service Providers and reviewed by WFN.

2.

All other provisions or terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically modified herein. Should there be a conflict between a provision or term contained in this Seventh Amendment and a provision or term contained in the Agreement or intervening Amendments, the provisions in this Seventh Amendment shall control.

3.

This Seventh Amendment may be executed in counterparts and each counterpart shall constitute an original and taken together shall constitute but one document.

The Parties, by execution of their signatures below, affirm their understanding of and their express consent with the terms of this Seventh Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County hereby executes this Seventh Amendment the _____ day of _____, 2022.

W. FRANK NEWTON, INC.

COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Title: _____

By: Lisa N. Cupid
Title: Chairwoman, Cobb County Board
Of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk's Office



Transportation

Drew Raessler, Agency Director

District 2

TO: Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

FROM: Drew Raessler, Agency Director

DATE: March 30, 2022

PURPOSE

To adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Cumberland Core Loop, also known as Cumberland Sweep, planning project.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced a Fiscal Year 2022 call for projects on January 28, 2022, for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. Applications are due April 14, 2022 and will be competitively selected for the award based on merit criteria that includes safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnership, and innovation. Funding awards are not guaranteed.

The Cumberland Core Loop, also known as Cumberland Sweep, is an approved Federal/State/Local Match Improvements planning project in the 2022 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Transportation Improvements Program (TIP), pending sufficient Federal, State, or other grant assistance becoming available. The Cumberland Core Loop project will provide a seamless three-mile multi-modal loop around the core of the Cumberland District. This planning project also includes two pedestrian bridges that will cross over Cobb Parkway/US 41, a high volume six-lane state route corridor. This project will serve the immediate Cumberland area with direct access to CobbLinc transit services and the regional trail network. The addition of the Cumberland Core Loop project will also minimize traffic congestion for motorists while enhancing safety for pedestrians and visitors traveling to, from, and around the core of the Cumberland area daily, as well as game-day patrons.

The Cumberland Community Improvement District (CCID) seeks a RAISE grant to advance innovative transportation initiatives in the Cumberland core area. The proposed planning project grant includes the Cumberland Core Loop (Segments A, B, D, E and F), the Cobb Parkway (US 41) Pedestrian Bridge North, and the Cobb Parkway (US 41) Pedestrian Bridge South. In addition, the RAISE grant will facilitate further planning to advance, develop, and implement an autonomous shuttle system and alignment feasibility, rideshare evaluation, and smart corridor analysis and implementation.

On May 11, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved a Project Framework Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation, in an amount not to exceed \$840,000.00 under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), for preliminary engineering design of Cumberland Multimodal Segment C. A local match of \$210,000.00 was required.

Also on May 11, 2021, the Board approved a Cobb Framework Agreement with the CCID, in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00, for the local match requirement to the TAP funding for preliminary engineering design of Cumberland Multimodal Segment C.

The total cost for the Cumberland Core Loop planning project is estimated at \$8,815,000.00. Of this amount, federal funds requested in the RAISE Grant application will fund 80 percent of the estimated cost, in the amount of \$7,052,000.00. A 20 percent local match will be required, in the amount of \$1,763,000.00, which will be contributed by the CCID. No County funding will be required for this planning project.

To compete for the RAISE grant funds, the Board must authorize submission of a grant application to the USDOT by the County's authorized representative. The Department recommends that Laraine Vance, with the Department of Transportation, be designated as the authorized representative to submit the grant application. Drew Raessler, Agency Director, will be the Department contact for all matters associated with the grant application.

If selected to receive a RAISE grant award from the USDOT, the Department will present an agenda item to the Board at a future date for authorization to accept and manage the project grant, in an amount not to exceed the funding allocation to the County, on behalf of the CCID. A detailed project description and budget, outlining all applicable federal, state and local funding sources to be used for the project, will accompany the agenda item presented to the Board for approval of the grant award.

In addition, if selected to receive a RAISE grant award from the USDOT, the Department will present an agenda item to the Board at a future date to approve a Cobb Framework Agreement with the CCID for the Cumberland Core Loop planning project.

IMPACT STATEMENT

The County will be responsible for submitting the RAISE grant application for the CCID. If the Cumberland Core Loop planning project is selected for a RAISE grant award, the County will be responsible for managing the project grant, in an amount not to exceed the funding allocation to the County, on behalf of the CCID.

No County funding will be required for this planning project.

FUNDING

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Cumberland Core Loop, also known as Cumberland Sweep, planning project; designate Laraine Vance and Drew Raessler as the authorized Department representatives for all matters associated with the RAISE grant application; and authorize the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. RAISE Grant CCID Resol LB EDITED CumberlandSweep_v.4 kdp_LFBrevised
2. Location Map

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the submission of a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Cumberland Core Loop, also known as Cumberland Sweep, planning project.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is holding a solicitation for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program project funding proposals; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2022, the USDOT announced a Fiscal Year 2022 call for projects; and

WHEREAS, applications are due by April 14, 2022, and will be competitively selected for award based on predetermined evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, the County is an eligible applicant and agrees to submit an application for financial assistance with preliminary engineering and further planning to advance, develop, and design the Cumberland Core Loop project, a consolidated initiative to enhance various transportation modes and explore innovative transit solutions and technology; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Core Loop project is included in the CobbForward Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2050, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 8, 2022, which provides recommendations for transportation and transit system improvements resulting from robust public participation and technical analysis related to funding future transportation investments within the County to meet the changing needs of the County's residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the total requested for the Cumberland Core Loop planning project RAISE grant is \$8,815,000.00, which includes federal funds in the amount of \$7,052,000.00, and local match funds in the amount of \$1,763,000.00. Local match funds are to be contributed by the Cumberland Community Improvement District should the RAISE grant funds be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners supports the County's submission of a RAISE grant application to the USDOT for the aforementioned project on behalf of the Cumberland Community Improvement District.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners held on March 30, 2022.

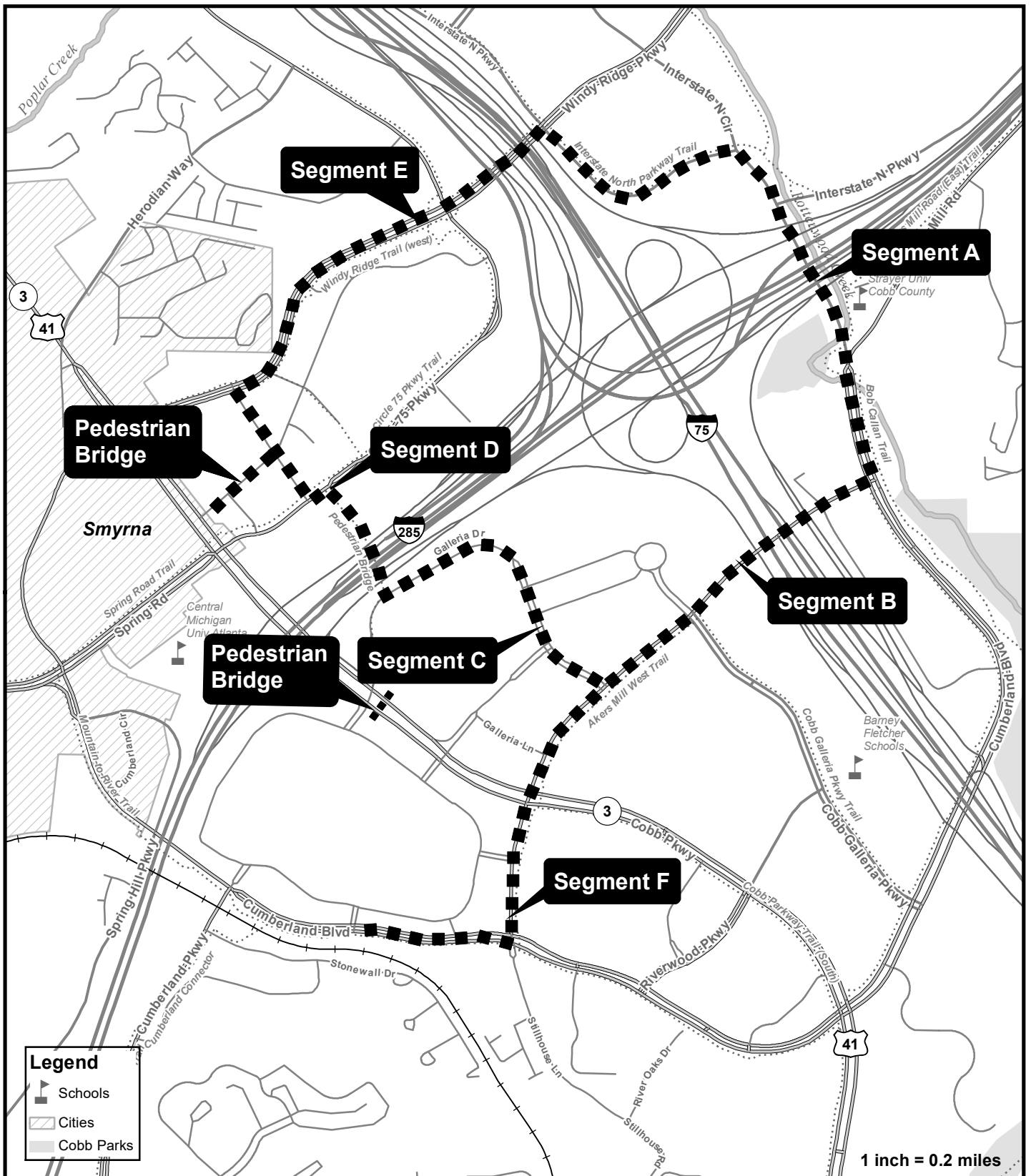
This _____ day of _____, 2022

Attest:

Lisa N. Cupid, Chairwoman
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

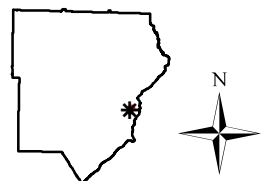
LOCATION MAP



Department of Transportation

PROJECT:
Cumberland Core Loop
(also known as Cumberland Sweep)

DATE: March 22, 2022



Notes: Commission District 2